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DJIBOUTI THREAT

Italians Concentrate Large Forces On British And French Frontiers

ABYSSINIANS BEING ENROLLED

Djibouti, To-day.

According to reports received here there have been large concentrations of Italian troops at places close to the frontiers of French and British Somaliland.

The places mentioned are Mordale, Jalelo and Sardo, near Hadele and Gube.

Many natives of the province of Harar are reported to have been called up and enrolled in the native corps.

It is understood that steps have been taken in Djibouti in consequence of these reports.—Reuter.

NAZI CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOLLAND

London, To-day.

The German anti-Netherlands campaign "is not disturbing" official circles in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Rumours of Hitler's "next attack" are widely spread, and Rumania, the Ukraine, Poland, Memel, Danzig, the Netherlands and Belgium are alternately mentioned as the next "victim."

The British view, according to well-informed opinion, is to avoid increasing the nervous tension by according official cognisance to each and every scare.

A policy which has the result of keeping all Europe on tenterhooks is deplored, whether the outcome be secretly prepared military action in one direction or overt economic pressure in another.

Britain's position in regard to the Netherlands is not defined by formal treaties, as in the case of Belgium.

On the other hand, the historic ties between Britain and the Netherlands in conjunction with the latter's geographical position, brings the interests of the two countries close together.

HIGHLY UNLIKELY

There is no confirmation in official circles of the reported intense German economic pressure on the Netherlands, and it is thought highly unlikely that military action would be risked on this front.—Reuter.

The Netherlands as the next point of Nazi pressure was predicted by Vernon Bartlett at the New Year.

SIGNOR GAYDA ON "POWERS OF COLLABORATION"

ROME, TO-DAY.

IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "POWERS OF COLLABORATION," SIGNOR GAYDA, WHO USUALLY EXPRESSES MUSSOLINI'S OPINIONS, COMMENTS:

"Mr. Chamberlain has evidently recognised that there are still great problems open which ought to be resolved in a spirit of understanding and through frank contact of goodwill, which may in fact assume the form of negotiation.

"The antipathy between the two Axes is not stable. It is necessary to go on and avoid closing the door to a just peace."—Reuter.

SECURES DIVORCE FOR DESERTION

London, To-day.

Lady Minnie Doris Grayburn, now living at Gerrard's Cross, Bucks, was yesterday granted a decree nisi.

She accused her husband, Sir Vandeleur M. Grayburn, of desertion. The suit was not defended.—Reuter.

SCANDINAVIAN NEUTRALITY

Oslo, To-day.

Norway's intention to remain neutral in any international conflict which does not directly concern her, was stressed in King Haakon's speech from the throne at the opening of the new session of Parliament yesterday.

King Haakon declared that in co-operation with the other northern Governments the Norwegian Government had striven to safeguard the lives and interests of the people against the consequences of such conflicts.—Reuter.

HIGH FINANCE NOT HAPPY AT ROME FAILURE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE RESULTS OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S ROME TALKS HAVE FAILED TO AROUSE ENTHUSIASM IN CITY CIRCLES.

Although fuller information is considered necessary before a final assessment can be made, the immediate reaction was disappointment, which was reflected in the quiet general down drift in Stock Exchange prices.

Gilt-edged securities suffered from selling by bears, who are of the opinion that the recent uptrend in prices is difficult to maintain in the face of absence of concrete evidence of an improvement in the European situation.

The decline extended to other sections of the market, though price changes were small without serious selling pressure.—Reuter.

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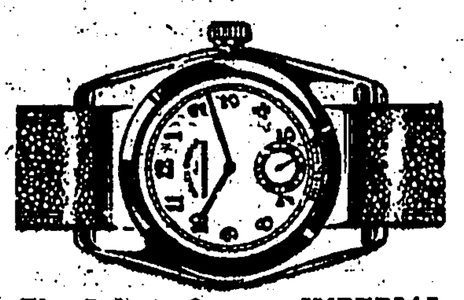

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

YOUNG THINGS SPARKLE AT NIGHT

"All dressed up like a circus horse," my father used to say jokingly when I was about to step out to a party... I wonder what he would say to-day if he saw the young things dancing the Lambeth Walk with their favourite beaus!

For literally, any young girl may deck herself just as fantastically as she desires for her gala evening dates!

To begin with, the "upped" hair has brought on a deluge of fancy hair ornaments. Glittering bugs, sequin nets, striking flowers in vivid hues. Little hair combs have appeared (to help anchor the rebellious curls in place) which boast of attached ostrich plumes, jewelled designs, and all sizes and shapes of beautiful posies. Even the old-fashioned barret has taken on new elegance and now is prominently seen glittering in the hair. Or ribbon bows are tied saucily here and there on the head to add a decorative note.

AFTER THE HEAD—THE GOWN

So much head glitter naturally incited a little gown dressing-up. Soon companion pieces on clips, (instead of on combs) made their bow. If you wear a bright flower in your hair you clip its twin somewhere on your gown. Colour—vivid, entrancing, exciting colour! Clip a dazzler at your neckline or at your waist, on your tiny muff or evening bag. But do wear a dazzler somewhere!

THEN THINK OF JEWELRY

Lovely exposed necks and shoulders and arms just shriek for a little ornamentation and judging from the deb-age around the smart parties and dances, they get it!

With an eye on harmony of colour and a thought to the size of your other embellishment, select pieces of the newer costume jewellry to wear around your throat, in your ears and at your wrists. Massive designs seem to be favoured just now —candidly telling the world that they are not real jewels but you wear them because you like to!

THEN REMEMBER YOU ARE THE SETTING

So, with your eye-catching wardrobe of ornaments all picked out, turn your thoughts upon You. You are the setting for these mad, foolish but decorative adornments. Your hair must be glossy and nicely styled, your skin as flawless as your loving care can make it. No beauty would neglect the care of her hands and elbows if she hopes to live up to the glitter which attracts the attentions of desirable young men! Her personal daintiness, too, is ever her consideration, for without this meticulous grooming she can never hope to sparkle long no matter what she may pin on her body!

Before going on this reducing diet get approval of a physician.

THIRTEENTH DAY
Don't Forget To Weigh Yourself This Morning

BREAKFAST

	Calories
Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination, at least one half hour before breakfast	50
Choice of:	
1 ordinary drinking tumber of unsweetened pineapple and prune juice mixed	100
½ cup dark farina with ½ cup skimmed milk	125
Little honey to sweeten	25
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage)	—
Total	300

LUNCHEON

2/3 cup pineapple and cottage cheese on lettuce with special diet dressing	200
2 slices Melba toast	50
1 plain jello	50
¾ glass skimmed milk	50
Total	350

DINNER

Tomato juice (usual)	25
Lean roast beef—2 slices 5"x2½"x¼"	200
1 cup string beans	50
1 baked potato with butter	150
Small serving mixed green salad with diet dressing	100
Total	525
Total calories for the day	1175
Tall girl allowed	1500

FOURTEENTH DAY
BREAKFAST

	Calories
Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination, at least one half hour before breakfast	50
1 ordinary drinking tumbler of orange and grapefruit juice mixed	100
1 shredded wheat biscuit softened with water) with ½ cup of skimmed milk	150
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage)	—
Total	300

DINNER

Iced melon or fruit cup	100
Roast chicken (usual serving)	200
Avacado and grapefruit salad, diet dressing	200
Open faced fruit pie	150
Total	650

SUPPER or TEA

¾ cup lobster in salad with ½ head lettuce	150
1 slice rye, whole wheat or bran bread	50
1 tsp. butter	30
Fresh fruit or stewed fruit	50
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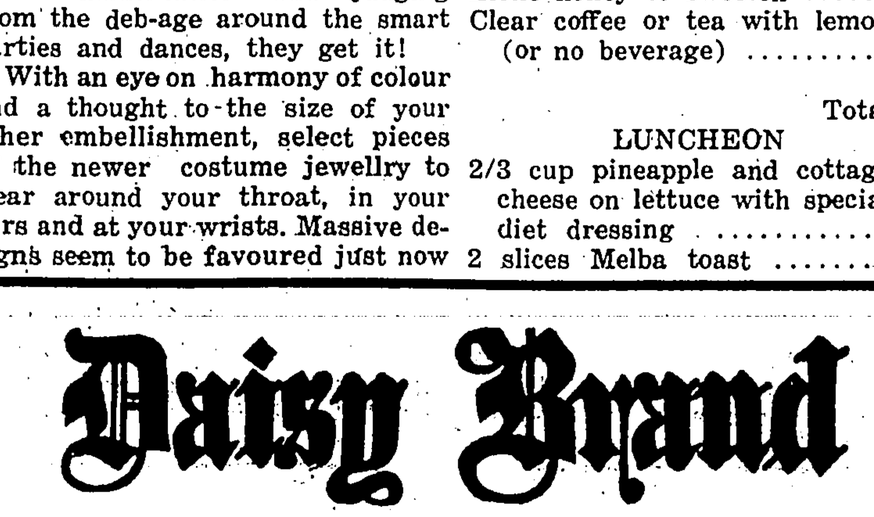

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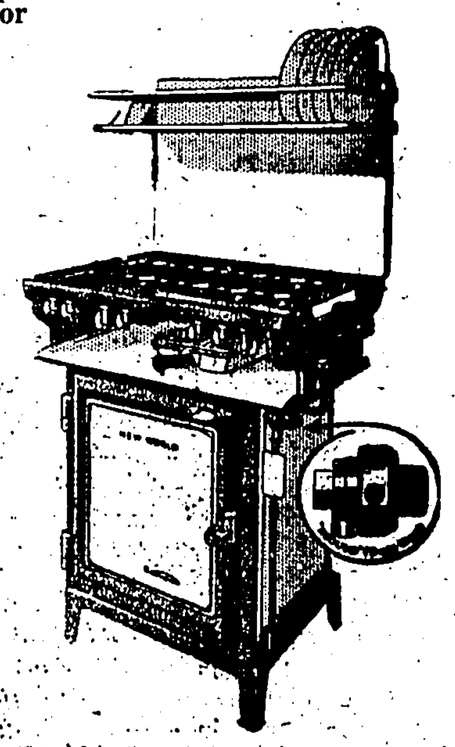

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PATRICIA BECK'S page about the home

I HAVE my favourite furnishing shops. I make a tour of them when its time to collect new ideas.

In one of them, especially, I can find out all about decoration for the day after tomorrow, and furniture fashions for next year.

This shop used to look like a clinic. It was bare and shining. It might have a single piece of bronze on a plate glass shelf or three flowers arranged in a very pure white vase.

I remember complaining about its lack of warm, living, homely details and being snubbed for such "ordinary" ideas.

I went there last week to say "I told you so." Grace and ornament has returned to modern rooms.

We have curves instead of angles, and rich, vibrant colours instead of acres of porridge-coloured off-white.

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The door of the shop was festooned with fringed curtains and there were wrought iron plant pots in the hall.

A fearsome looking plaster negro supported a lamp and there was some kind of bracket in every corner.

I saw a what-not. It was called something else and was modern in colour and finish, but it was a what-not just the same.

I saw armchairs tufted, fringed and buttoned to such an extent they looked dangerous to sit on.

A clock and a group of china figures under funereal glass cases were seriously described to me as "so distinguished in modern rooms."

* * *

I see danger ahead in this return to trimming.

Decoration might easily go mad and land us back in the Victorian doldrums.

It took twenty-years to rid our rooms of plush and silver tables and the indescribable clutter of possessions.

We have gone through the growing pains and seen the mistakes of what is called "modern" furnishing and decoration.

It would be a pity to go back to rooms which are not . . . and can never be . . . a reflection of our way of living.

A petticoat dressing-table is charming and feminine, but windows and beds muzzled in muslin, are weak and affected in the room of a woman who can hike twenty miles and understand football scores.

* * *

I like the new vigour in decoration. A length of cherry coloured satin against pale walls . . . a daring piece of drapery at an uninteresting window . . . a different kind of wall vase or lamp.

I hate trimming for trimming's sake. Rows of gimp which probably hide bad seams. . . . fringe and tassels on working chairs . . . flamboyant overstuffed sofas suffering from a rash of buttons or tufts . . . fancy lamp shades heavy with chenille . . . bows on anything.

The square, bare room . . . all angles and minus life and colour . . . marks the awkward age of modern decoration.

It can blossom into charming maturity, if you spend a little money and keep your head. Wallpaper can work miracles. I have just seen a narrow striped paper transform a dreary stripped oak room. The stripes were silver and two shades of green.

Looping a length of your curtain material over a rod, instead of having a pelmet, is one of the easiest ways of making your room look more decorative.

I have seen it done along a row of old painted hat pegs in a very bare hall. If you tire of the idea in twelve months' time, you still have your length of material uncut to use again.

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New textures can make a very plain room luxurious.

Think of white walls, white paint, darkbrown fitted carpet, brown and beige hessian upholstery. There are thousands of rooms looking something like that, and their owners are tired of them.

Leave the walls and the carpet as they are.

Have two of the chairs covered in shiny copper-coloured satin or corded fabric.

Use the same material for long side curtains.

Have the third chair or the settee covered in same material, but a different colour.

Make or buy two low footstools to match your chairs, and trim them with braid or fringe.

If you like a pattern on your decoration, choose a big leaf design for the loose cover of your sofa, but use plain linen for the smaller chairs and applique one or two of the leaves on the backs and arms.

Trimming like that can always come off.

Leave your smooth-lined, simply-designed furniture alone. It is modern and right.

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Germany Rejects U.S. Protest

Berlin, To-day.

The recent exchange of Notes between the United States and Germany regarding the treatment of American citizens in Germany in connection with the anti-Jewish laws, reveals that Germany denies the right of interference in the internal affairs of the Reich.

Germany points out that in no case has discriminatory treatment resulted from the foreign nationality of the persons concerned.

Beyond this, the German Government has granted, out of special consideration to foreign subjects wherever possible, more favourable treatment than to its own subjects.

The German Foreign Office has repeatedly explained to the United States Embassy that the German Government would respect the rights due to American citizens on the ground of interstate agreements.

Until now no such case has been reported by the American Embassy to the German Foreign Office, in which such rights arising from these treaties have been violated according to American opinion. — Reuter.

£3,500 FOR BOY'S FOUR FINGERS

"Even now his love for music is so great that he tries to play a few notes with the stumps of his poor hands." Thus a father, a music teacher, described the tragedy of his son, aged fourteen, who maimed by the loss of two fingers on each of his hands, has had his "whole life blasted—his pleasures and chance of earning a living gone."

At Manchester Assizes recently the boy, Roy Cartlidge, of Marine-road, Droylsden, was awarded £3,500 damages for injuries he sustained at his work.

Roy, a shy, pale boy, told a reporter he had wanted to be an engineer, but for several years under his father's tuition he had been learning to play the piano.

FATHER IN TEARS

Roy's father was in tears as Mr. W. Gorman, K.C., told of the accident at the works of Laurence Scott and Electro Motors, Ltd., of Clayton, Manchester.

Roy had his hands trapped in a hydraulic press operating with a pressure of fifty tons, he said. A hammer and chisel had to be used to force open the jaws of the press to release his hands.

"How can this boy hold a tennis racket or a cricket bat?" said Mr. Gorman. "How can he do any of the things, a healthy boy has a right to be allowed to do?"

Mr. Justice Tucker described the accident as a "shocking" one. "Nobody has yet told us," he said, "what it is hoped or anticipated this boy might be able to do."

He refused an application for stay of execution.

DICTATOR 'SHOTS' MAY BE BANNED

"Britain expects," a film showing British ships in Spanish ports after being bombed, and giving shots of Mussolini and Hitler, is to be shown privately to Lord Tyrrell, president of the British Board of Film Censors, to decide whether it shall be cut.

Already the Board's viewers have banned the film—but Lord Tyrrell has the last word.

The producers are prepared to show it with or without cuts. It has been booked to be screened at a London cinema.

German and Italian airmen brought down in the Spanish war are shown in the film, but it is understood objection is taken at the scenes concerned with the two dictators.

LIBERTY DEMAND

"We hope that all who care for the liberty of the subject and for free speech will protest energetically against any ban," says Mr. W. R. Spence, general secretary of the Nation Union or Seamen. "It shows the threat which the presence of German and Italian aircraft and guns in Franco Spain constitutes to British interests."

He described the firm as being in no way provocative.

An official of the Progressive Film Institute, who was concerned with the production of the film, said, "I can see nothing in it but a true record of facts. I think it will be shown on Monday, as arranged."

IT WAS QUEEN MAUD'S DEATH WISH

Queen Maud of Norway could not bear the thought of her four favourite horses passing into other hands when she died on November 20.

The horses, on which she daily used to ride round the woodland when she was at her Sandringham house, have been shot by a veterinary surgeon.

This was her wish. Two of the horses have been buried in the paddock at her residence at Appleton and two in the paddock at Sandringham.

They were very valuable animals. Queen Maud was so fond of them that she used to have them shipped to Norway.

The large staff at the Sandringham house have been told that they will be employed there until they find other jobs.

Queen Maud was a sister of King George V.

ANNUAL DINNER OF HONG KONG NAVAL VOLUNTEER FORCE

REFERENCE TO THE DUTIES OF THE HONG KONG NAVAL VOLUNTEER FORCE IN THE CRISIS LAST YEAR, WAS MADE BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, COMMANDER J. PETRIE, IN HIS SPEECH AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER HELD ON BOARD H.M.S. TAMAR LAST NIGHT.

Commander Petrie said:

The Annual Dinner is a good time to look back on the past year. Three major issues stand out clearly from a routine background: the first, the September crisis, the second, the expansion of the Force, the third, the condition of H. M. S. Cornflower.

In the critical last week of September the Force personnel was detailed for minesweeping, night patrols and examination service in readiness for a state of emergency should it arise. It provided a test of the organisation which would mobilise the inner sea defences of the Colony.

The season opened with the Force at full strength under the old establishment. With the expansion of theforce in view, an organisation schedule was prepared in which the entire duties of H.K.N.V.F. in local defence were set out. From this schedule was computed the personnel required and, in October, the expan- required and, in October, the expansion was sanctioned. The new establishment provides for officers and ratings for minesweepers, patrol craft, examination service and minewatching branch and for the engineering, accountant and medical branches. There will be seamen ratings, telegraphists and signalmen recruited from British-born Chinese and Indians.

Fifty per cent of the additional requirements in officers for the executive branches has been enrolled. Seventy-five per cent of the European personnel for the minewatching branch is in training and took part in Combined Operations in November. The response to the appeal for Chinese and Indian recruits possessing the necessary qualifications for the communication branch more than met requirements. The force is now a composite unit capable of operating all branches allocated to it under the local defence scheme.

Training is afforded to Junior officers as watch-keepers in motor torpedo-boats and, as can be imagined, this branch of training makes a strong appeal.

The force has not yet a sea-going ship of its own, a ship capable of exercising at least ten officers and forty men in all executive branches concurrently with the minewatching branch on shore — in other words it is not possible to arrange a composite exercise with all branches of the force operating together as they would in time of war. Authority has now recognised this need and we take counsel from our Honorary Captain and "lift up our hearts."

H. E. the Governor, in the course of his reply, said:—

Your Commanding Officer has alluded to the lack of a sea-going ship and I will say at once that, landsman though I am, I need no convincing that such a vessel is an essential unit in a full naval volunteer training scheme. I will go further and admit that it was with very great reluctance that I struck out of the draft estimates for this year provision for such a vessel; even so, that elimination was made with the express provise that Government would not necessarily wait a full year before giving the matter further consideration.

The only reason for that much-grudged decision rested on financial grounds and the need for caution in these dark and difficult times. The only undertaking that I will give in this matter—I am one of those who promise with difficulty—is that I shall review the question again during the next two months.

Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, who followed, said:—

Perhaps it is a sad truth that even to-day it is sometimes the case that only when a time of crisis arises or when a national danger looms ahead do we turn with sincere relief and gratitude to the splendid body of Volunteers, who, from length to breadth of the British Empire, are there trained and ready to act immediately—giving up their offices and their professions for the common good.

"I am not being too generous when I state that these men are the backbone of the Empire."

Commodore E.B.C. Dicken, said: As this will be the last Annual Dinner of the H.K.N.V.F. which I shall attend, I am grateful for this opportunity to thank Commander Petrie for his whole - hearted co - operation and to congratulate the Force on the great progress made during the time I have been in Hongkong.

The necessary expansion in the Force indicates clearly in itself, the need for your services and I am sure your efficiency has been increased by the presence of a permanent officer Instructor from the Royal Navy.

In September last we were faced with a crisis and it was then that the organisation of the H.K.N.V.F. was tested out. The Royal Navy was actually mobilized and the next step to be taken was the calling out of your Force. Each one of you was earmarked for a duty and this, if nothing else, should bring home to you all the importance of each individual member to Colonial Defence.

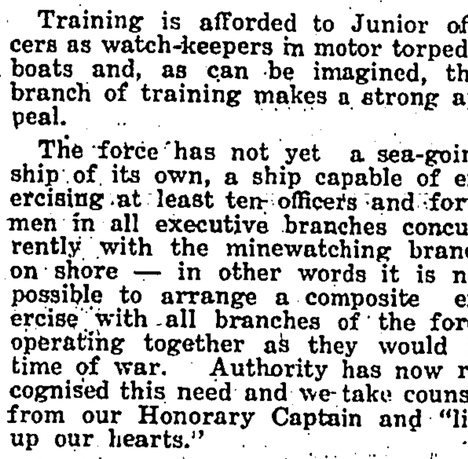
The change of status to Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is still not implemented but the Bill is in draft and may soon be enacted.

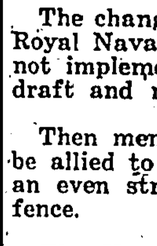
Then members will even more fully be allied to the Royal Navy and form an even stronger link in Empire Defence.

The Hon Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Commander, said that in spite of all the "alarms and excursions" in a critical year like 1938 it is comforting to find that the High Command has been able to make arrangements for lectures and tallers to officers of the H.K.N.V.F. and also to give so many opportunities for regular sea training in M.T.B's. and other ships.

"In thanking Admiral Noble and Commodore for their very kind remarks, I wish to express our gratitude for the great and active interest they take in our welfare."

Among the guests were: H. E. The Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, H. E. The Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, Commodore R. R. McGrigor, Colonel N.M.S. Irwin, Hon. Mr. S. Caine, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Hon. Commander A. L. Shields, and Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr.





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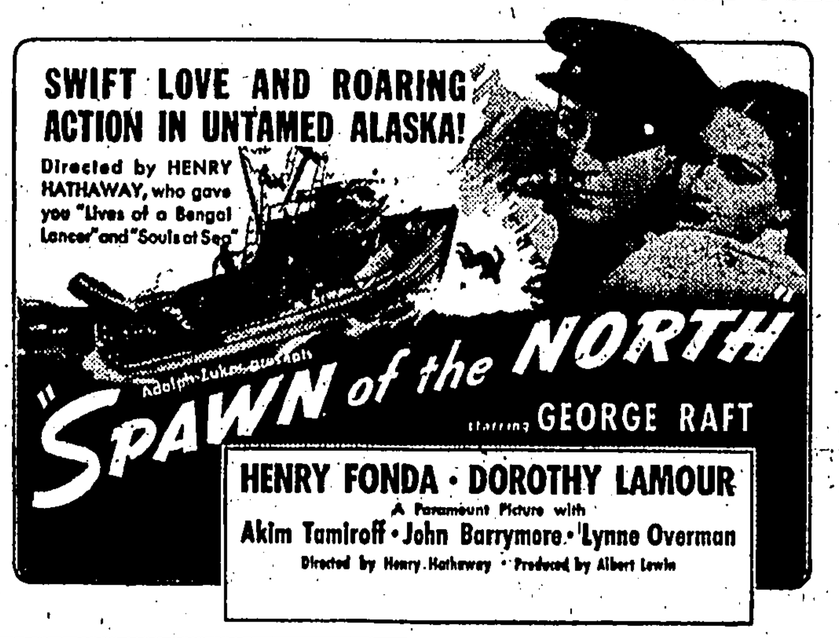

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KIDNAPPERS WOUNDED IN DRAMATIC BID TO ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ IN FOG

San Francisco, To-day.

Profitting from one of the worst fogs in San Francisco Bay for many years, five convicts from Alcatraz Prison yesterday attempted to escape and swim to the mainland.

The alarm was raised immediately and the guards opened fire.

Arthur Barker, who was serving a life sentence for kidnapping, was critically wounded in the head and another kidnapper Dale Stamphill, was wounded in the legs.

The other three men were captured, although two had already started to swim to the mainland.

Barker was a member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, and was sentenced in connection with the kidnapping of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, in 1934.

Al Capone was an inmate of Alcatraz until January 7 when he was transferred to the Federal Institution at San Pedro.—Reuter.

COL. JACOB RUPPERT PASSES

New York, To-day.

Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, winners of the World Series, died yesterday after a long illness.

It was Col. Ruppert who paid $125,000 for Babe Ruth, whom he bought from the Boston Braves as a pitcher and made him into a $80,000 a year batsman.

Col. Ruppert's baseball properties are estimated at over $15,000,000, and his total estate between $70,000,000 and $100,000,000, making him one of the richest men in the United States.

Babe Ruth, who has been ill at the same time as his protector, is now better and has left hospital.—Reuter.

NEW CLASH IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

A new clash between British troops and Arab insurgents during which two Arabs were killed and several others taken prisoners occurred in the region of Tulkaren yesterday evening.

A force of Arab insurgents which concentrated near the village of Saffurin was attacked by the air force and later by British infantry units. The losses of the British troops in this action have not been revealed.

During the search of some villages in the vicinity of Jaffa by British troops, several Arabs were wounded and taken prisoner.

The search, which was described as "a mopping up operation" in the official British message comprised the villages of Samakh, Dubburiya and Mugeibila.—Trans-Ocean.

PASTEURISATION ORDER POSTPONED

Postponement of the order requiring pasteurisation of all the Colony's milk supplies is announced in to-day's H.K. Government Gazette.

The notification, authorised by the Governor-in-Council states that "being satisfied that, owing to special conditions, it is undesirable to enforce, before the 1st of April, 1939, the amendments in the by-laws, the Governor in Council hereby orders that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary therein contained, the said amendments shall not be enforced until the 1st day of April, 1939."

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

The following official appointments are announced:—

Mr. A. M. J. Wright to be an Architect, P.W.D.

Mr. P. V. Reveley to be Assistant Wireless Engineer, G.P.O.

Mr. W. R. Hillyer to be Deputy Shipping Master.

Capt. F. Sale to be a Member of the Board of Education.

Dr. J. B. Mackie to be Malariologist.

Miss A. M. Harrington to be a Nursing Sister.

Mr. H. A. Mills to act as Postmaster General.

MME. SUN'S TOUR

Madame Sun Yat-sen, accompanied by Madame Wu Chao-shu, has just returned from a tour of refugee areas in Chungshan district. She conferred with General Chang Wai-cheung, magistrate of Chungshan, and other officials on the relief problem.

She also visited Tsuiheng, the native village of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

ROME COMMUNIQUE POSTPONED

Not Now Expected Till Halifax Departure

Rome, To-day.

An official joint communique on the Rome talks is not now expected until this morning (Saturday).

There is no question of a hitch, but a minor detail in the phrasing of one passage will be considered.

Reports that Mr. Chamberlain and Mussolini met again yesterday are incorrect.

Mussolini passed the whole day at Rome's winter sports mountain at Terminillo, but the two statesmen were to have had a further conversation after last night's dinner at the British Embassy, at which Mussolini and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, were present.

According to present arrangements Mr. Chamberlain will not call at Paris en route home to-day. —Reuter.

JANET GAYNOR ENGAGED

New York, To-day.

Janet Gaynor, the film actress, and Gilbert Adrian, the famous Hollywood costumier, admit that they are engaged to be married. —Reuter.

UNITED STATES LOOKING MORE TO FAR EAST?

Washington, To-day.

The conviction is gaining ground here that Far Eastern rather than European complications are governing America's defence measures.

It is pointed out that the President's message, while stressing that U.S. should keep out of European conflicts, failed to contain a similar statement regarding the Far East.

Fears of war in that direction, logically result from economic sanctions plans against Japan which, apparently, have already reached an advanced stage.

The "New York Daily News" declares that U.S. and England are already practically at war with Japan since they are helping China to carry on the war against Japan. —Trans-Ocean.

B.F.R.D.C. LONDON FUND INCREASES

London, To-day.

The British Fund for relief of distress in China now amounts to over $163,000, Dr. Gordon Thompson, secretary of the Fund, states.

He adds that donations continue to be received and income steadily increases, but the need of the Fund grows greater.—Reuter.

HUNGARY DECIDES TO JOIN ROME-BERLIN AXIS

Berlin, To-day.

Hungary's acceptance of the invitation extended by Germany, Italy and Japan to join the Anti-Comintern Pact was officially announced yesterday, and has been received in Berlin with the utmost gratification.

The newspaper "Nacht Ausgabe" writes: "He who joins the Anti-Comintern Pact must not only know that Bolshevism is dangerous but must also know how to fight it.

"That cannot be done by speeches and resolutions. The iron will of the entire nation is needed.

"The Pact has no imperialistic goals, but has the sole task of creating peace and order in the world for all who are menaced by Bolshevism."—Reuter.

FRANCE AND U.S. KEPT INFORMED

Rome, To-day.

Prior to the audience of the British statesmen with the Pope, the French and United States Ambassaders to the Quirinal were received by Lord Halifax, who informed them of the result of the Anglo-Italian conversations.

The German Ambassador was received for a similar purpose by Count Ciano.

The report that the German Ambassador had been received by Mussolini which appeared in some Italian papers is unfounded.

For all practical purposes the conversations between British and Italian statesmen may be regarded as at an end. It is affirmed in British quarters that Mr. Chamberlain has expressed himself fully satisfied with the result of his conversations and that he obtained from Mussolini several assurances tending to eliminate the danger of war in the event of certain European developments.

The impression has gained ground that the Tunisian question is unlikely to lead to war although it is evident that the future shaping of Franco-Italian relations will present difficulties.

It is said that Italy resolutely declines to admit the Agreement of 1935 as the basis of new negotiations.—Trans-Ocean.

BILL TO AID UNITED STATES RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE, HAS INTRODUCED A GENERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL TO ASSIST THE RAILWAYS AND BRING ALL INTER-STATE FREIGHT RATES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

The Bill seeks to permit rather than the Committee to initiate proposals for amalgamations, mergers, and so forth.

A special reorganisation court would be established and a special administration appointed to encourage railway economies, while the Committee's jurisdiction would be extended to include regulation of rates of all common carriers on water, rail, roads and air.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VATICAN

VATICAN CITY, TO-DAY.

THE "OSSERVATORE ROMANO," THE VATICAN NEWSPAPER, YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A STATEMENT ON THE CHAMBERLAIN-HALIFAX VISIT.

The paper says that the Pope addressed greetings to the British Ministers and expressed pleasure at their visit.

His Holiness was particularly interested in having news of the British Royal Family, and expressed good wishes for their prosperity and for that of the great British Empire in which live so many Catholics.

In the course of conversation several points regarding relations between the Holy See and Great Britain came up for discussion, and the good and happy relations at present existing between Great Britain and the Holy See were noted with satisfaction.—Reuter.

CEREMONIAL CALL

Vatican City, To-day.

The British statesmen were fetched from the Villa Madama by Papal cars flying the Papal flag and Union Jack and were accompanied by the two Papal Chamberlains "of the Cape and the Sword" dressed in doublet and hose with white ruffs.

From the court of Saint Damasus where the British statesmen left the cars they were escorted in procession to Clementine Hall where they were awaited by the Master of the Chamber of His Holiness, who ushered them into the Papal Apartments.

After leaving the Pope, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax visited the Secretary of State Cardinal Pacelli, in his apartments in the Vatican and then proceeded to the British Legation to the Holy See where a luncheon was given in their honour. Among the guests were Cardinal Pacelli and some other Cardinals.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN PLEASED

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain, leaving the Vatican after his audience of the Pope, which lasted half an hour, said His Holiness seemed in fairly good health.

He added that he was very pleased with his cordial and affable reception.

During the Vatican visit the British Ministers also had twenty minutes conversation with Cardinal Pacelli, the Vatican Secretary of State.

Crowds gathered in the courtyard to cheer the departure of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

After the audience, the Pope went for his customary drive in the Vatican gardens.—Reuter.

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THE TEST

By Barbara Ann Benedict

YOUNG Doctor Paul Eldridge never knew exactly why it was that Nanette broke her engagement to him. He knew only that the night after they attended the movie: "The Doctor's Call," she was silent during the drive home. At her door she looked at him in the dim light from the hall and said: "It won't be like that with us, will it, honey?"

"Like what?"

"Like it was in the movie. You wouldn't leave me in the middle of the night to answer a call, leave me alone, worrying?"

Paul laughed. "Why, gosh, honey, a doctor takes those things as matter-of-fact. I'd go anywhere I was needed."

The next day Paul had a note from Nan. She was going away for awhile, she said. Temporarily, at least, he had better consider their engagement broken. She wanted to think.

Think? Think about what? Paul called her house. But Nanette was gone, and her mother was vague as to where and when she would return.

Paul was unhappy and puzzled. He couldn't believe that Nanette had stopped loving him. He knew that all his life he'd be unhappy unless she came back to him.

As for Nanette—she wasn't sure either. But she intended to make sure. She intended to find out whether time and distance could make her forget Paul. If it could—she thought how awful it would be, lying awake nights listening for the sound of his car returning from some remote dwelling in the country.

So Nanette went to California, and visited with her uncle and aunt, the Crumps. Ennis and Olga Crump operated an orange ranch. The place was eighteen miles from Riverside, but it was a lovely old house and the sun shone all day long and the orange groves had a charm of their own. Also, much to Nanette's surprise, there was much social activity in the community.

For example, the second night after her arrival, the near-by orange growers held a dance. Nanette attended with some misgivings, but instead of finding a staid and stuffy gathering of ignorant farmers she discovered that almost everyone present was young and educated and quite charming.

Uncle Ennis introduced her to Craig Beale. "Craig is one of our youngest orange growers," Ennis explained with a broad smile. "He's also the best looking and considered quite a Remeo."

Craig smiled down at her pleasantly. He was good-looking, with thick blond hair and blue eyes. He danced divinely. Nanette decided that it wasn't going to be bad fun at all living in the orange grove country. The prospect looked bright. Perhaps she would even be able to forget Paul.

The fact that Uncle Ennis had not exaggerated about Craig Beale's popularity was impressed upon her during the next fortnight. He called and took her driving, escorted her to social functions, took her on sightseeing tours, proudly pointing out his own large and profitable grove. Nanette became increasingly aware that she was the envy of all the young girls in the district that they resented the fact that an outsider was monopolizing the time and attention of their most desirable young swain.

The realization provoked a sense of exhilaration. No girl can suppress a sense of pride in being picked out from the crowd. Nanette was human, and Craig was human. Craig, she felt, enjoyed the reputation they were acquiring as much as she. Secretly she wondered what would happen if some other young lady, equally as attractive and hailing from the East, should suddenly appear on the scene. She feared that Craig could shift his interest with ease, and this thought was disconcerting.

Still she enjoyed him, and he her; and before a month had passed Nanette was almost ready to believe that Craig was on the point of proposing. Late in January the community sponsored a sizeable dance. Nanette and Craig were easily the most attractive couple present, and both were quite aware of it. Nanette was thinking that if Craig should propose and she became an orange grower's wife they could go on like this forever. That is, they could if she could suppress her doubts about Craig's shifting affections.

And just then the siren blew.

It began with a deep-throated whine and rose to a shriek, drowning out the orchestra, filling the room, dominating every small sound, captivating attention.

Craig suddenly stopped dancing. His face had sobered.

"What is it?" Nanette asked. "What does it mean?"

"Frost." Craig started for the door which was already crowded with people. His face was grim. He answered Nanette's further questions absently. "It's a warning. The temperature's dropping. We'll have to fire if we want to save our crops from freezing."

"You—you mean you're going off and leave me here—alone?"

He shot her a quick, annoyed glance. "Honey, when that siren blows, nothing else matters. Nothing. Not to an orange grower."

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It was cold when Nanette stepped from the train at Fairmont, Massachusetts. She hurried to a taxi and gave an address. Ten minutes later she walked into Dr. Paul Eldridge's office. Dr. Paul stared at her; then his eyes lighted eagerly.

"Nanette!"

"Darling! Can you ever forgive me? I wanted to make sure. Now I am sure. I want to—to be a doctor's wife."

Paul was a little puzzled, but he decided not to ask questions. After all, most anyone could tell that Nanette was home to stay.

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Insurgents Take Tortosa

Moroccan Divisions Thrown Into Vital Action

Franco's Catalan Offensive Given New Impetus

Burgos, To-day.

The Nationalists have captured Tortosa, at the mouth of the River Ebro, after intensive fighting.

Divisions of the Moroccan Army Corps, under the command of General Yague, overran the pocket between the Ebro and the coast, and cavalry played an important part in the enveloping movement.

Later, troops reached the town of Perello, ten miles north of Tortosa, on the Valencia-Barcelona road.

The Nationalists now command all three main roads converging on Tarragona.

The advance continues on all sectors, according to Nationalist reports.

In the north, an army corps under General Munczgrando is advancing north-east along the Urgel road, and has captured Pena and Mandel.

NEAR CERVERA

The Maestrazgo divisions under General Garcia Valino have occupied Monfal, bringing them within eight miles of Cervera.

Navarrese divisions under General Solchaga, operating from Mont Blanch, are advancing along the main road. They have taken Liwla and Mount Cogulla, bringing them within four miles of Valls, with its important industries and aerodrome.—Reuter.

REPUBLICAN ADVANCE ON ESTREMADURA FRONT

Barcelona, To-day.

The Republicans continued their victorious advance on the Estremadura front yesterday, having broken the resistance of the Spanish legionaries holding positions in the Sierra Los Santos, it is reported in a bulletin issued by the Ministry of National Defence.

Several attacks in the Monterrubio sector were vigorously repulsed.

On the Catalan front, the insurgents succeeded in advancing slightly in the Agramont sector, the way having been prepared by a heavy artillery bombardment and aeroplane raids.—Trans-Ocean.

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LEAVES SCHOOL TO MARRY A COUNT

Elaine April Wills, schoolgirl daughter of Captain M. C. Wills, the tobacco magnate, fell in love with a French Count whom she met at a party.

Soon afterwards she left school, and recently there was a party at her father's mansion here to celebrate their engagement.

Miss Wills is seventeen. Her fiance, Comte Maurice Retout du Trevou, is twenty-nine.

He is the eldest son of the Marquis Retout du Trevou de Breffeillac.

Notice of the wedding, which will take place this month, has been given at the Caxton Hall register office, London.

Three coaches have been hired to take servants, estate workers and villagers to the wedding.

Miss Wills, one of six sisters, has a flat in Berkeley-street, W., where her fiance also has a flat. She often rides here, and follows the Garth Hunt.

A villager told me: "We are delighted to hear of her engagement. Her father is a great benefactor, and all the people round here like him.

"We are a little disappointed that the wedding is not to be held here, but as many of us as can will go up to London to attend the ceremony."

"The reason the wedding is not taking place here is that the church is not big enough," I was told at the vicarage.

LADY SIMON — MID-WIFE

"I am myself a member of the Central Midwives Board, so you may know how interested I am in this work," Lady Simon, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the National Council of Queen Charlotte's National Mothersaving Campaign, when they met in London.

Lady Simon later said: "I know the work through and through—I've attended hundreds of cases. Of course, when I married I had to give it all up. But I still take a lively interest in the work.

"I've worked in London's slums. Afterwards I went to India for two years to see the conditions there."

BUSINESS MEN AS ARMS PURCHASERS?

Ottawa, To-day.

The recommendation that purchases of munitions and armaments be taken from the hands of the Department of National Defence and entrusted to a group of experts and competent businessmen, is contained in the Report of Mr. Justice Davis, who investigated the granting of a contract to a Toronto firm to supply 7,000 Bren guns to the Canadian Government and 5,000 to the British Government.

The Report found no evidence that any member of the Canadian Parliament was admitted to a share in the contract or the benefits arising therefrom.—Reuter.

NAZI APOLOGY TO A DUTCH JOURNALIST

Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, Herr von Ribbentrop, Foreign Minister, and Dr. Dietrich, Reich Press Chief, have apologised to a Dutch journalist working in Berlin for a grossly insulting attack on him published in the "Schwarze Korps," newspaper of Herr Himmler's protective guards. The paper has been severely reprimanded.

Particulars of the article, and of an anti-Dutch cartoon of a character calculated to be in the highest degree offensive to Queen Wilhelmina, which has been published in two colours on the cover of the "Brennessel," the "humorous" weekly paper owned by the Franz Eher Verlag, official publishers of the Nazi party, has been forwarded to The Hague by the Netherlands Legation in Berlin.

The article in the "Schwarze Korps," entitled "These dwarfs are a nuisance to us," applies abusive epithets both to Dr. Johann Gerhard van Maasdijk, Berlin correspondent of the Amsterdam newspaper "De Telegraaf," and to the owner of the paper.

Dr. van Maasdijk is described as one of "the journalist rabble from the little dwarf States," as a "professional agitator" and "a lothsome backstairs snuffler." A sentence declares that no decent man could shake hands with him without shuddering.

Basis of Attack

The basis for the attack on Dr. van Maasdijk is apparently a description which he sent to his paper of an attack by a Berlin mob on Dutch diplomats who attempted to protect the property of Netherlands citizens during the progroms. Similar, and epually accurate accounts, appeared in papers all over the world.

The "Brennessel" cartoon, which has caused the greatest indignation in Dutch circles, depicts a Jew dressed in Dutch national costume, and seated on a throne bearing the royal arms of the Netherlands.

In his right hand he holds a round cheese and in his left a tulip. The caption, in German, is a punning reference to the Dutch struggle for freedom from the Spanish yoke. It reads: "Refuse of the Netherlands."

UP-TO-DATE SHADOW "TSAR"

London, Jan. 2.

In addressing a New Year message to the Russian people the Grand Duke Vladimir has followed the precedent set by his father, the late Grand Duke Cyril.

He not only shares the modern ideas of his father, who always spoke of the Red Army as "our army." He also believes in modern methods.

In the short period since his father's death the Grand Duke. Vladimir has already made two broadcasts—a thing the Grand Duke Cyril had never done during the 16 years that he was head of the Imperial House of Russia.

The young Grand Duke's first broadcast was delivered soon after his father's death, when he announced his succession.

The second was made a fornight ago. He then denied the reports that he was prepared to accept the throne of an independent Ukraine. Both broadcasts were delivered from French stations.

ALWAYS A RUSSIAN

The Grand Duke divides his time between France, England and Germany and refuses to be associated with any country or group of countries in Europe. He considers that this would impair his independent position as head of the Imperial House of Russia.

In France he has a house in Brittany, which was left him by his father, and a vast number of his supporters live in Paris. In England he has relatives, and he will probably soon resume in London the studies which were interrupted by his father's death.

His two sisters live in Germany, where both are married to German Princes.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

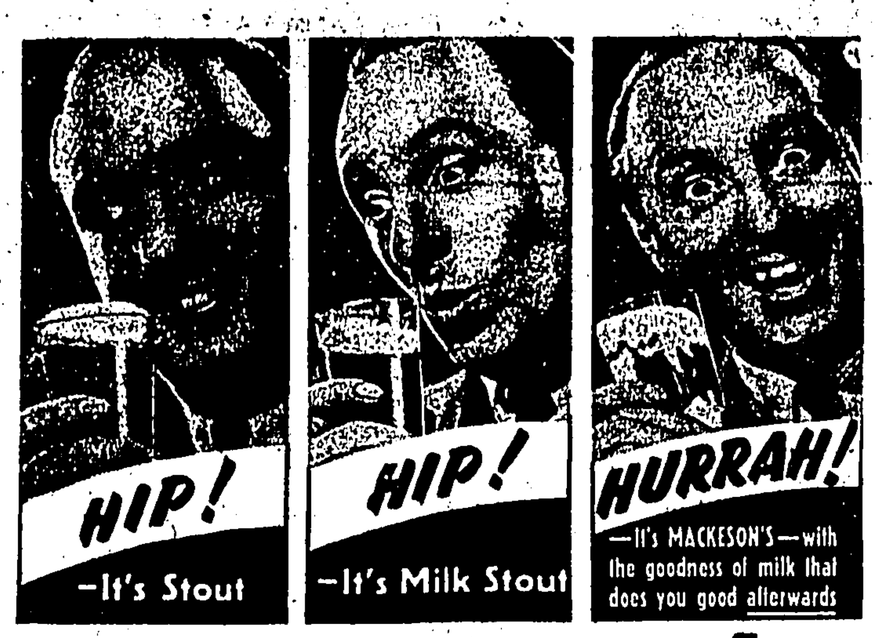
Subject:—"Life"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, tomorrow 15th January will be "Life".

The Golden Text will be: "In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death". (Proverbs 12:28).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works: The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Psalms 145: 9, 15, 16 & Romans, 8: 38, 39.)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality—infinite Life, Truth, and Love. When the evidence before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth. It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness. This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death". (Pages 518, 303, 304).



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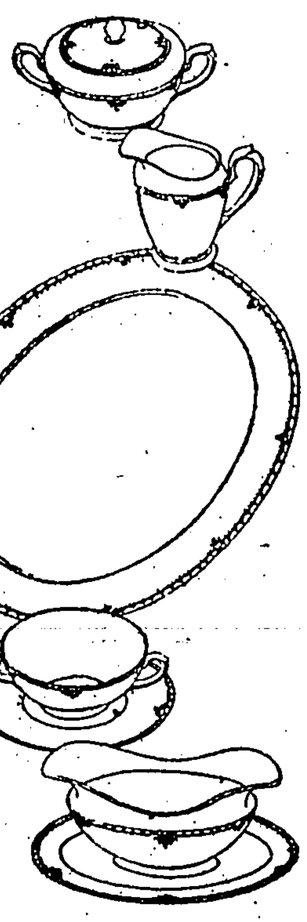

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MIRROR OF OPINION

We have to ask ourselves whether we have been pursuing from the first the right idea. Many people thought that the first thing we had to get was disarmament. I never took that view. I have said—and I think I have been proved to be right—that you will not get peace through disarmament. You will only get disarmament through peace. You have first to persuade people they are not going to be attacked, and then they will put down their weapons of their own accord.

We have, in the stern and terrible days in which we are living and with which we are faced, to make up our minds on this fearful problem — whether there are things which are even more shameful than war itself.

The country that goes into negotiations with the determination that in no case will it fight is at a helpless disadvantage against a country which goes into those same negotiations with a preparedness and willingness to fight under certain eventualities. When the statesmen of the world meet together round a conference table and one is prepared to fight and another is not, if the other is never going to be prepared to fight then that country is doomed to a gradual diminution of all its powers and prestige, and it must gradually go down the hill, and then must be disarmed.

We should be sure, above all, of our own motives, and we should be sure that what we yield to reason we will never yield to fear. While seeking to promote peace in every possible way, we must be prepared with courage to face the fearful alternative in order to maintain our own liberty and freedom.—Alfred Duff Cooper, former Lord of the Admiralty.

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At the moment it must be admitted that French opinion and French policy are in a state of complete flux . . .

The wide hostility to Fascism, to the anti-Parliamentary leagues, and to the big trusts, which gave the Front Populaire its early driving power, still exists even if it is more bewildered than it was two years ago. There may be a feeling of impatience with Parliamentary government, but there is very little sympathy with those politicians who would make their own capital out of it. Dominating all doubts and anxieties is the fear that France is weak and growing relatively weaker with regard to Germany. For the moment this fear is concentrated on the Air Force and air defence !

The working classes, from whom sacrifices will be expected, are unwilling to shoulder all the kicks of patriotism while the relieved opponents of the buried Front Populaire make off with the ha'-pence. Their reluctance is neither unnatural nor unjustified, and M. Daladier must overcome it if he is to set France to work again with confidence.—"Manchester Guardian."

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Among the most striking of the "political implications" attaching to Anthony Eden's visit to the United States is the apparent futility of denials that such implications attach to it.

Yet it is just possible Mr. Eden simply accepted an invitation to give a speech on a subject in which he is vitally interested to an audience vitally interested in the same thing. Neither the invitation nor the acceptance need have been inspired in Government circles. Yet such a visit as Mr. Eden's, and such a speech, and such an attitude of interest in things American as he declared before the N. A. M. and has exhibited in his sightseeing the last few days, cannot be without meanings that are all the stronger for being unofficial; cannot be without implications which are "political" in the better sense of that word. The question may remain moot as to intentions; it is already being answered by effects. — "Christian Science Monitor."

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It is hard, of course, to hold our heads in face of the persecutions that are going on abroad. But let us not fail to remember that the good we can do in helping find refuge for the afflicted can be great through peaceful processes, but that resort to war would only multiply a thousandfold the hardships of those already afflicted, while increasing a million-fold the number who would pay and pay and pay, with life and limb and health and money.

Hate is an emotional thing. It doesn't solve problems. Let's confine our hating to hatred of war and use our heads to keep out of war.

Looking around us to-day we think the time has come to reprint once, again what Mark Twain in his "Mysterious Stranger" wrote, years before 1914, about war:

"There has never been a just one, never an honourable one—on the part of the instigator of the war, I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances."—"New York World-Telegram."

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The belief that genius goes essentially with a large brain, and even with a large skull, has often been exposed. The brain of Anatolf France, to take one well-known example, weighed only three-quarters as much as the average brain.

A blow from concussion or a fragment of shell-splinter has often been known to destroy a memory or a complete character, and it is possible that the X-ray may in time tell us something about the "good man gone wrong" as well as the unfortunate whose brain (and mind) have been criminally malformed from birth. The growth of an obstructed brain may yet prove capable of encouragement by mechanical means when the patient is treated young enough, much as the orthopaedist encourages the growth of a backward or warped limb.—"Daily Telegraph."

NEW GIANT CLIPPERS FOR HONG KONG SERVICE

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The largest airliner ever built for regular commercial airline service, the new Pan American Airways trans-Pacific Clipper, is coming to San Francisco for its final trial flights prior to going into regular service on the 9,000 mile clipper route between here and Hong Kong.

This ship, the first of a fleet of six being constructed at a cost of $4,000,000 and to be allotted for service early in the new year on both the Atlantic and Pacific, will run her final trial tests from the Port of Trade Winds lagoon at Treasure Island.

Following these she will go onto the run to Hong Kong, operating from the new Pan American base to be established at the site of the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island.

Just as the new home of the trans-Pacific clippers has been called the finest air marine terminal ever designed, so is the new clipper ship recognized as the finest and largest air carrier ever built. Designed to perform in the air as 41½—ton ocean airliner, the new clipper by displacement is two times as large as the CHINA CLIPPER and nearly twice the weight of that already famous trans-Pacific flying craft.

The new clipper, with other of her new sister ships scheduled to follow her into service shortly thereafter, will make her first regular passenger flight to Hong Kong by way of Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam and the Philippines, from Treasure Island on or about the opening date of the Exposition. She will be assigned to a place in the regular weekly trans-Pacific operating schedule along with the PHILLIPPINE and CHINA CLIPPER in which some 16,500,000 passenger miles have already been logged. Before entering this service, the new super—Clipper will be sent on a non-passenger engineering shakedown flight from San Francisco to Hong Kong and return. This will climax an exhaustive series of trial tests for the new clipper, to be run for approximately sixteen days during January from Treasure Island. A number of the most important world airplane records for speeds with load are expected to fall during these routine tests, which will be concluded with a ten-hour, overnight non-stop flight.

THREE-DECKER

In size, spaciousness of passenger and crew quarters and in the matter of interior decorating, the new Clipper excels as the last word in air transport design. Including the crew's quarters and the cargo hold, the craft is constructed in three decks.

The passenger deck is divided into 9 separate sections. Five of them are standard passenger compartments accommdating ten passengers each, the sixth is a half-size compartment for four passengers. The central section is a large room which may be alternatively furnished either as a lounge or dining salon. The aft-most section is a de luxe compartment which may be used as a bridal suite. Galley and men's dressing rooms are across the hall from each other near the forward end of the passenger deck and the women's room is in the rear.

Ten-passenger compartments are each furnished with davenport-type armed lounging seats. Two of these are triple seats facing each other on the starboard side and the other two are double seats facing each other on the port side. Triple seats each make up into upper and lower berths running crosswise in the cabin while the two double seats make up into an upper and lower berth running lengthwise on the port side.

BRIDAL SUITE

Rooms on the passenger deck are square-walled rather than diminishing in width toward the ceiling as has been the case in all other transport planes. Handsomely styled furniture is built with light but sturdy aluminum frames and is cushioned with a newly developed pillowy substance made of curled Australian horsehair impregnated with latex. Colour schemes of the upholstery, wall and ceiling lining, deep carpets, trimming, etc., vary in different compartments. The wide double windows in each compart-

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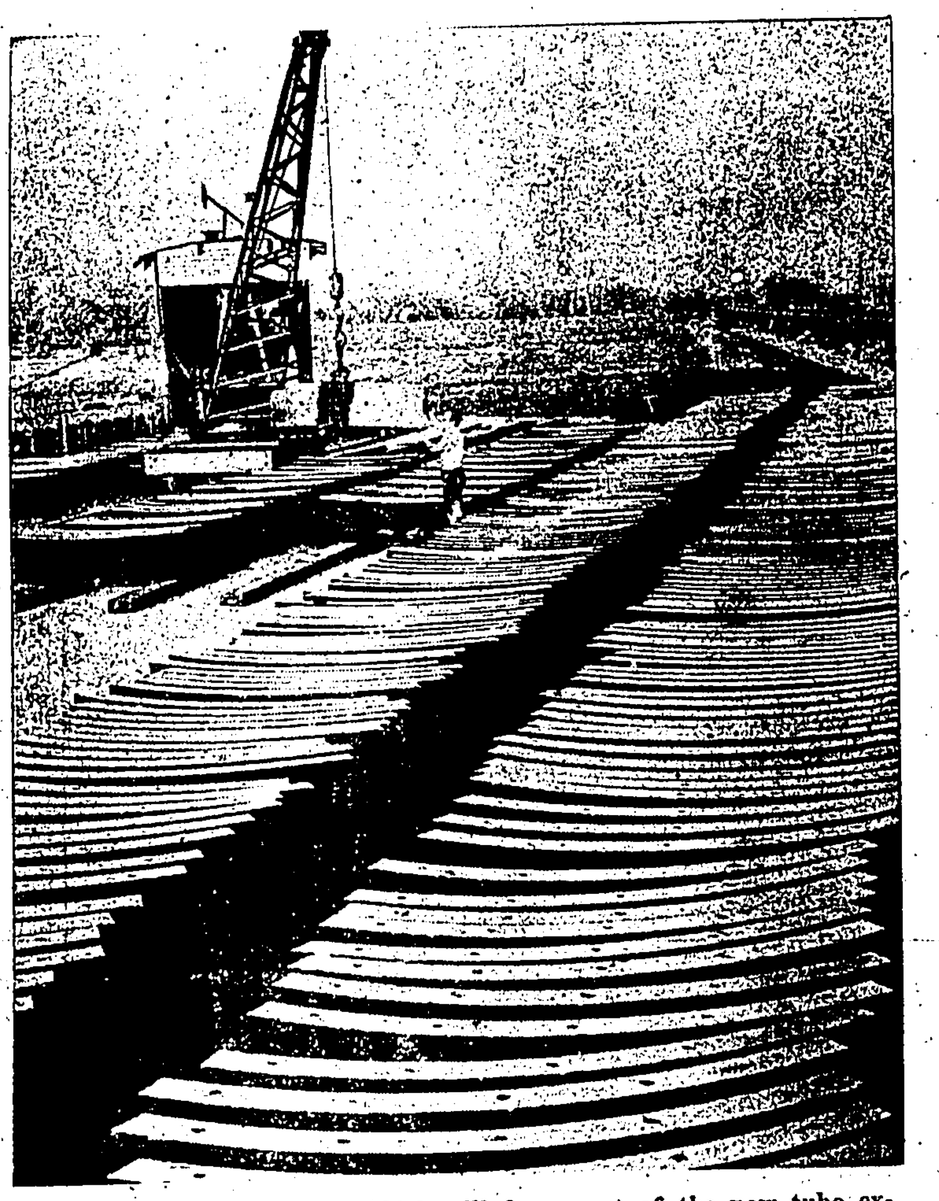
Rose Stradner and Edward G. Robinson in "The Last Gangster." This picture starts a run at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

At right:—

Combined furies of storm and fire made the recent hurricane at Sydney, New South Wales, the worst in its history. This little girl, Maurne Davis, was asleep in her cot in her Sydney home when the roof was blown off the cottage and bricks crashed all round her. She escaped injury.



Segments of concrete which will form part of the new tube extensions in outer London are now being made at Colnbrook. These concrete casings, which have reinforced steel frames, are taking the place of the steel casings used in the past. Photo shows rows of segments of concrete ready to be transported to London for the new tube extensions. Six of these segments form one ring for the tube casing and are now being turned out at the rate of 100 rings a week.

DOLLS FROM WOOD PULP.—A new process whereby lifelike dolls can be made from wood pulp placed under great pressure and applied heat is giving employment to hundreds of men and women at Trenton, New Jersey, U.S.A. Faced with the difficulty of obtaining dolls from Germany and Czecho-Slovakia, American manufacturers now find they are making better dolls with the new process and the public prefer home-made dolls. Americans last year spent 25 million dollars for dolls. Girls paint by hand the tint of the cheeks, mouth and eyebrows of the dolls.

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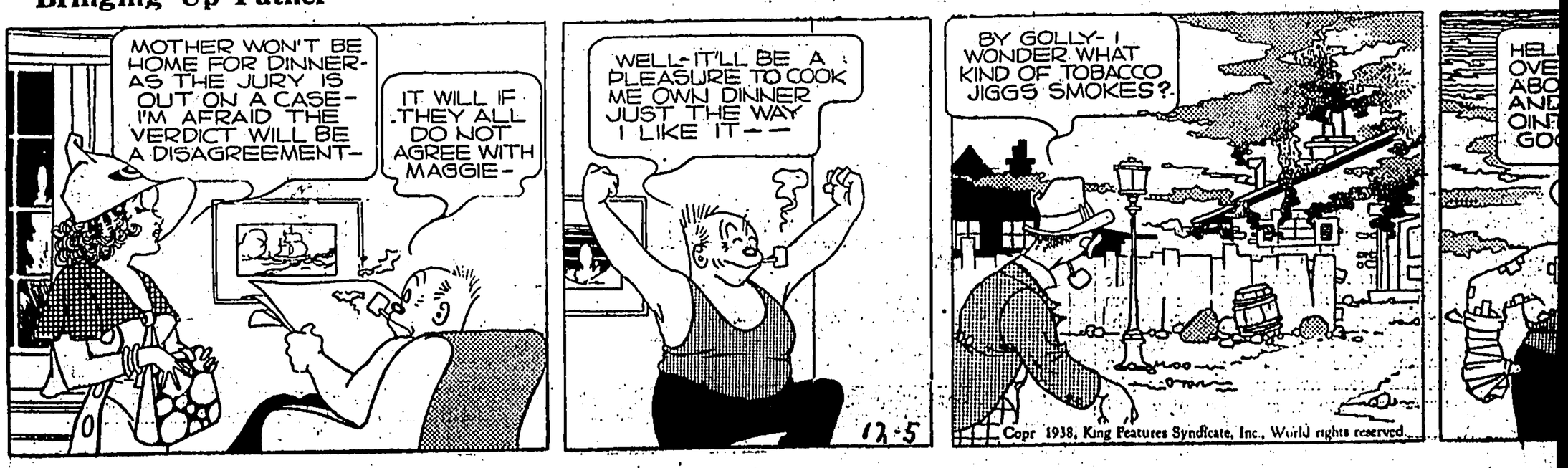

(Left) — The Southgate and district members of the Northern Heights Model Flying Club have just got a new club room. A notable feature is the development of the ladies' section and one of the members, Mrs. Worley, of Chingford, recently achieved success with one of her models at the Model Engineering Exhibition.

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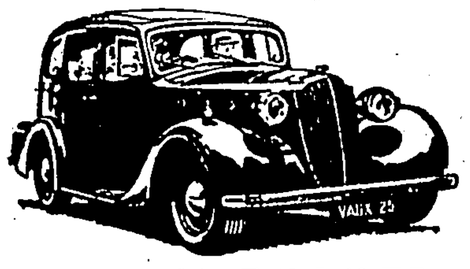

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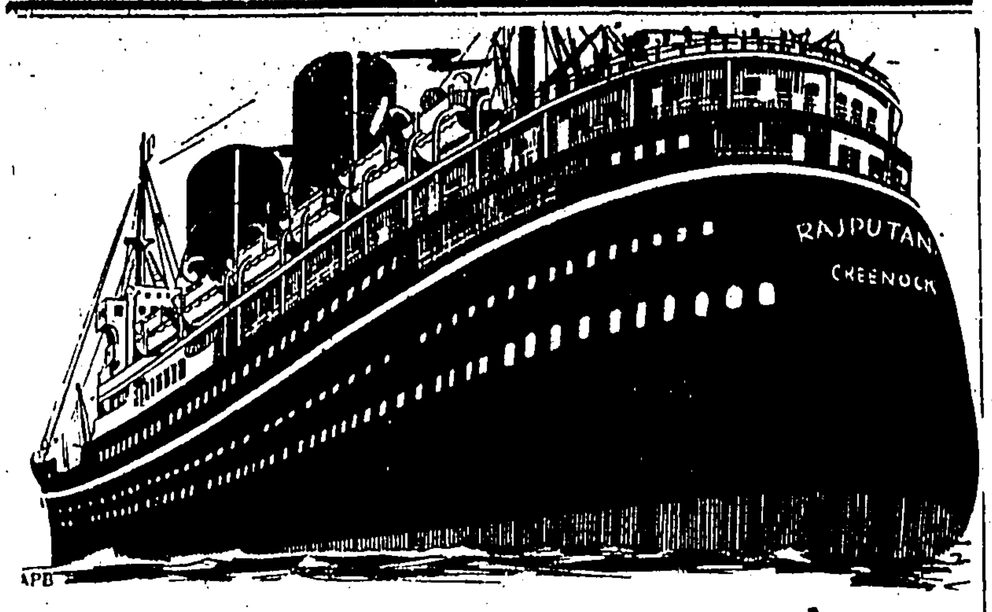

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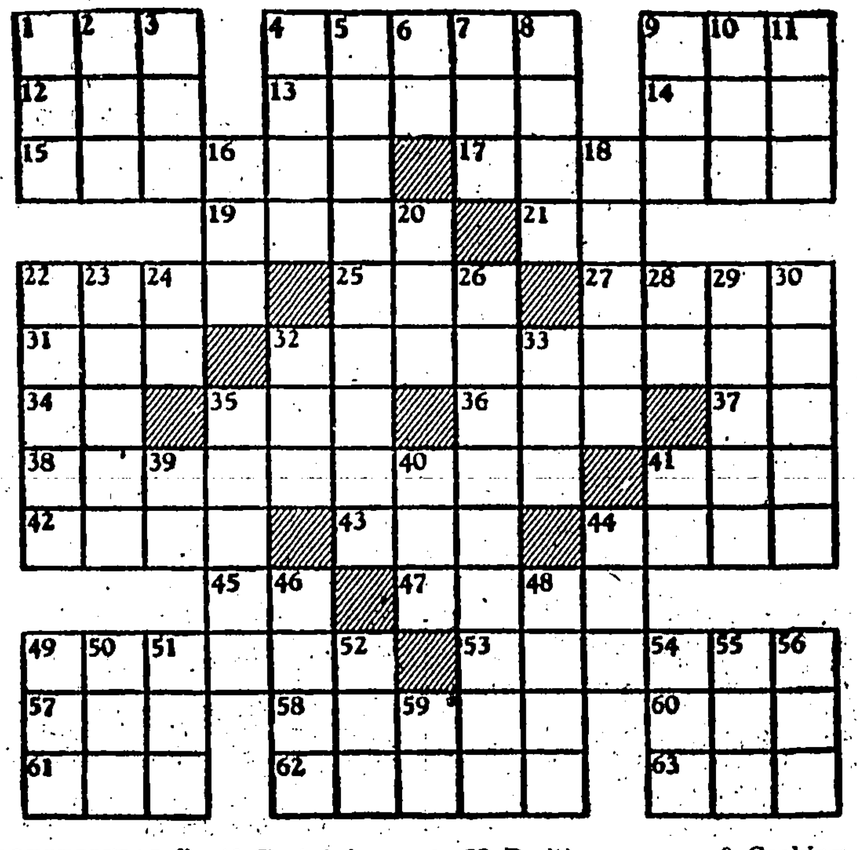

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1 Sorrowful
4 To make suitable
9 Foot
12 Cretan mountain
13 Site of crime
14 Anglo-Saxon money
15 Hackled
17 Separated
19 Goddess of discord
21 Note of scale
22 Appendage
25 Unchivalrous person
27 Songstress
31 River
32 Soaked
34 While
35 Rug
36 Japanese coin
37 Negative
38 Laziness
41 Chart
42 Sly look
43 Welsh river
44 Girdle
45 Hypothetical force
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49 Pertaining to spring
53 Senility
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58 Feline animal
60 To run about
61 Label
62 Positive pole
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9 Cooking vessel
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11 Small mass
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22 To track
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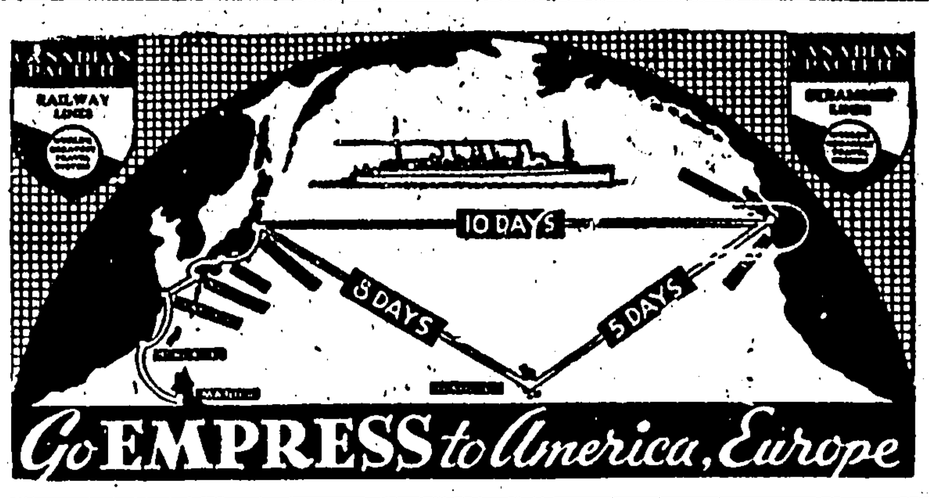

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The following are the results of the local Theory examinations held in December 1938, at the University of Hong Kong, as supplied by the Local Secretary of the Trinity College of Music, London.

Having now passed the full examination, the following candidates have had conferred upon them the Professional Diplomas of Licentiate and Associate of the College respectively.

Miss Alvena Laihovetsky, L.T.C.L. (Licentiate of the College).

Miss Mary Braga, A.T.C.L. (Associate of the College).

Other awards are as follow:—

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS' DIPLOMA

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SENIOR DIVISION

Pass with Merit:—Lily Tsang.

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Pass:—Agnes R. Duckworth.

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Pass:—Phyllis Ling.

ADVANCED JUNIOR DIVISION

Honours:—Amy Tsang.

Pass with Merit:—Melba M. de Sousa and Wong Fung Seen.

Pass:—Ines Soares and Eula Cheong.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Honours:—Gloria J. Moss and Sister Ada Penzo.

Pass with Merit:—Eleanor Alma Rogers and John B. Labrum.

PREPARATORY DIVISION

Honours:—Yvonne Blackmore, Janet P. Diblev, Kenneth Hegarty, Angela R Owen, Elizabeth F. Smith and Donald A. Urquhart.

Pass with Merit:—James S. Webster.

LAST NIGHT'S MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON LEAGUE RESULTS

In the Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League last night, Recreio beat Kowloon Tong by nine clear games.

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio).

beat Mrs. S. Stephens and R. E. Lee	21— 6
beat Miss Gonsalves and F. Tsang	21—10
beat Mrs. N. Castro and F. S. Ko	21— 5

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio).

beat Mrs. Stephens and Lee	21— 8
beat Miss Gonzalves and Tsang	21—11
beat Mrs. Castro and Ko	21—14

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio).

beat Mrs. Stephens and Lee	21—14
beat Miss Gonzalves and Tsang	21—12
beat Mrs. Castro and Ko	21— 3

UNIVERSITY WIN

At Taikoo last night, Hong Kong University beat Taikoo by 7 games to 2.

R. Main and Mrs. W. Mackie (Taikoo).

lost to P. S. Yong and Miss U. Khoo	15—21
lost to K. L. Yong and Miss Hung	17—21
lost to P. K. Hui and Miss J. Choa	11—21

D. Beavan and Mrs. R. Main (Taikoo).

lost to Yong and Miss Khoo	4—21
beat Yong and Miss Hung	25—24
lost to Hui and Miss Choa	13—21

A. Keown and Miss R. Summers (Taikoo).

beat Yong and Miss Khoo	24—21
lost to Yong and Miss Hung	12—21
lost to Hui and Miss Choa	12—21

RUGBY WIN FOR EAGLE OVER FLAGSHIP

A semi-final of the "H.M.S. Adventure Rugby Cup" competition was played off between H.M.S. Eagle and H.M.S. Kent on Thursday, the former winning after a close struggle by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points). The other semi-finalists, H.M.S. Dorsetshire and H.M.S. Medway are due to meet on January 24 and the final will be played off on February 4.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M. C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 13th January, 1939.

RELINQUISHMENT OF COMMISSION

Extract from Government Gazette No. 2 of 6.1.39.

"No. 8—His Excellency the Governor has approved the following relinquishment of commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 15th December, 1938.

Lieutenant Eric Paul Fletcher, 6th. January, 1939."

APPOINTMENT

Extract from Government Gazette No. 2 of 6.1.39.

"No. 9—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following appointment in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 18th December, 1938:—Mr. Charles Raymond Stoddart to be Second Lieutenant(Reserve of Officers). 6th January, 1939".

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION—RESULT

No. 1899 Gunner F. J. Anslow, 1st Battery, attended a Quick-Firing (T.A.) Course at the Coast Artillery School, Shoeburyness, from 31.10.38 to 5.11.38 and obtained the certificate.

ENROLMENT FORMS

A new issue of the enrolment form has been printed. In future enrolments will only be recorded on this form.

RIFLE TABLE A—STONECUTTERS

Sunday, 15th January. Stonecutters, Rifle Table B. M.G. Troop, Armoured Car Section, No. 1 M.G. Company and No. 2 M.G. Company. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. Kowloon Police Pier 8.45 a.m. Dress—optional. Range Officer—Lieut. L. B. Holmes.

PARADES

1st Battery

Right Section. Thursday, 19th January. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, overalls and gun platform shoes.

Left Section. Tuesday, 17th January. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. Layers' Class only. Dress S.D. cap, overalls and gun platform shoes.

Friday, 20th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All ranks will attend.

Signal Section. Friday, 20th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

2nd Battery

Thursday, 19th -Sunday, 22nd January. Camp. Parade H.M.S. Tamar. 8 a.m. Thursday, 19th. Dress S.D. cap, K.D. jacket, breeches, puttees rolled down and lanyard. Greatcoat, slacks and overalls will be carried.

Engineer Company

D.E.L. Section. Monday, 16th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections. L.G. instruction.

Thursday, 19th January. R.E. Instructional Shed. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Section. D.E.L instruction.

Lyon Light Section. Monday, 16th January. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.L. Revision.

Thursday, 19th January. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Miniature Range.

Corps Signals

Tuesday, 17th and Thursday, 19th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Signal instruction.

Machine Gun Troop

Sunday, 15th January. See para. 5 above.

Tuesday, 17th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. E.G.D. mount and dismount gun.

Sunday, 22nd January. Peak Range. Rifle Table A.

Armoured Car Section

Sunday, 15th January. See para. 5 above.

Tuesday, 17th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class—L.G. stoppages. B Class—M.G. tests.

Friday, 20th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction.

Sunday, 22nd January. Peak Range. Rifle Table A.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Friday, 20th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver training.

No. 1 M.G. Company

Sunday, 15th January. See para. 5 above.

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Kumaons First XI Too Good For Club Jrs.

Club seconds were beaten 5-0 by the Kumaon Rifles Battalion at hockey, on the Marina ground, yesterday.

Early in the first half, Nk. Naval Singh netted for Kumaons, and soon after the lead was increased by goals from Locke and Partaub. In the second half the game was very one sided, Kumaons having the better of the exchanges and scored again through Locke and Partaub.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

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Friday, 20th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver training.

Sunday, 22nd January. Peak Range. Rifle Table A.

No. 2 M.G. Company

Sunday, 15th January. See para. 5 above.

Thursday, 19th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Foot and arms drill.

Sunday, 22nd January. Peak Range. Rifle Table A.

No. 3 M.G. Company

Monday, 16th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 9 Platoon—Striping and assembling. No. 10 Platoon—Miniature Range. Remainder—I.A.

No. 4 M.G. Company

Wednesday, 18th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 14 Platoon—M.G. training, sight-setting and laying.

Friday, 20th January, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 13 and 15 Platoons. Musketry instruction.

Portuguese Companies.

Tuesday, 17th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 5 M.G. Company—E.G.D. A.A. Company—Fittings of Gas masks.

Sunday, 22nd January. Stonecutters. M.G. Part II. No. 5 M.G. Company.

Machine Gun Signals

Monday, 16th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Line and Operating Section—Revolver drill. D/R. Section—Revolver drill under N.C.O's.

Riding paratice during week as detailed.

Medical Section

Wednesday, 18th January. H.Q. 6.30 p.m. Lecture Map reading.

Pay Section

Friday, 20th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

R.O.D.C.—Construction Section

Sunday, 15th January. Practical demolition exercise. Rendezvous Fanling Station 9.35 a.m. Haversack rations will be carried. Train leaves Kowloon 8.40 a.m. Train for return journey leaves Fanling 2.48 p.m. Railway transport will be free. Private cars may be used.

Sunday, 22nd January. Peak Range. Rifle Table A.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENT

No. 2080, Cpl. F. Casey, Engineer Company, D.E.L. Section, to be Sergt. 13.1.39.

No. 1706, L/Cpl. H. W. Brown, Engineer Company, D.E.L. Section, to be Corp. 13.1.39.

No. 2419, Pte. E. W. Coulson, No. 2 M.G. Company, to be L/Cpl. 13.1.39.

LEAVE

No. 2343, Pte. L. D. Purves, A.S.C. Company. 19.5.38-19.1.39.

No. 1508, A/Cpl. A. J. Dobson, Corps Signals. 1.12.38-31.11.39.

No. 865, Pte. J. H. Gelling, A.S.C. Company. 7.12.38-6.6.39.

No. 2247, Spr. M. D. Watson, Engineer Company, D.E.L. Section. 7.1.39-6.11.39.

No. 2733, Pte. A. H. Murray, No. 2 M.G. Company. 12.1.39-11.1.41.

STRENGTH—DECREASE

No. 2221, Pte. A. M. Silva, No. 5 M.G. Company. 7.9.38.

No. 2392, Gnr. H. W. Leyden, 1st Battery Reserve. 28.9.38.

No. 2415, Pte. L. G. Lima, A.A. Company. 13.10.38.

No. 2380, Pte. J. L. S. Alves, A.A. Company. 17.10.38.

No. 2310, Pte. R. B. Wood, M.M.G. Platoon. 18.10.38.

No. 2469, Pte. H. A. da Silva, A.A. Coy. Reserve. 28.10.38.

No. 188, Sgt. W. H. C. Robson, Armoured Car Section, 9.1.39.

STRENGTH—INCREASE

No. 3228, Spr. J. G. Bailey, Engineer Company, D.E.L. Section. 9.1.39.

S. F. HEDGECOE,
Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Sergeants' Mess Meeting

There will be a General Meeting in the Mess at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31st, 1939.

AFFILIATED UNIT
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Lecture

The next lecture on First Aid will be given by Professor L. T. Ride at the P.W.D. Offices on Friday, 20th January, 1939 at 5.30 p.m.

Strength—Increase

Mrs. W. Dalziel—6.1.39.

Leave

Miss I. Cruickshanks—18.1.39 to 17.10.39.

Sgd. Mrs. E. M. BEGG,
Commandant,
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

NEW GIANT CLIPPERS FOR HONG KONG SERVICE

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SHIPBUILDING TECHNIQUE

Because of its extreme size, the new clipper was constructed by methods approaching ship-building technique. The hull was assembled inside the Boeing assembly building in a giant jig much like a ship-building cradle, encircled by a maze of scaffolding and walkways allowing workmen to work at five different levels simultaneously. Wings were assembled in a separate building.

The first of this new fleet of giant clippers was eighteen months in construction at the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle. It was first launched on Puget Sound early last summer and since that time has been undergoing a series of the most rigorous and comprehensive flight tests to which a new type of airplane has ever been subjected, first by its builders and then by a government test board appointed by the new Civil Aeronautics Authority at Washington.

The new Clipper will be flown to San Francisco by a Pan American crew, most of them veterans of thousands of miles of flying on the Pacific and all of whom have been stationed at Seattle for the past several months in special training to take charge of the new ship.

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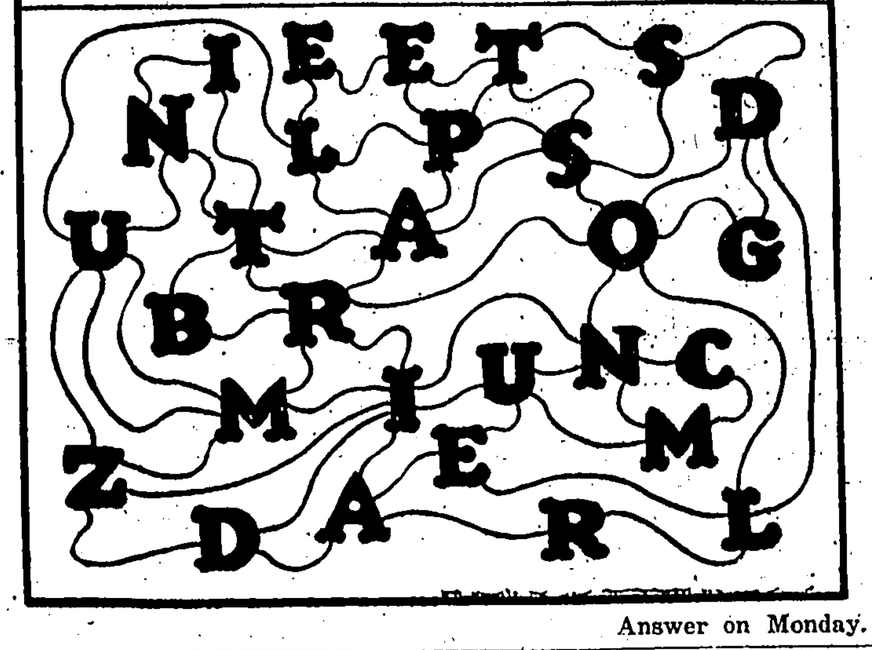

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

JUNIOR TEAMS MAINTAIN SCHEDULE

Royal Scots Seem Certain Of Third Div. "A"

SAPPERS MEET SOUTH CHINA IN SECOND DIVISION TO-DAY

(By "UBIQUE")

Excellent progress is being maintained in the junior division football fixtures and though the majority of fixtures have been adhered to in all divisions, only Royal Scots, in the Third Division "A", seem certain to finish at the top of their division, while in both the Second Division and the Third Division "B" the ultimate winners are uncertain. South China and Royal Air Force, however, are favoured for the respective divisions.

Several important games are scheduled for this week-end, all of which will have an important bearing on the leaders, and of these the game between Engineers and South China should be the best, while the encounter between Royal Scots and P.W.D. should also prove interesting.

To-morrow, 24th R.A. Battery, meet Stonecutters in the "B" section and a great tussle should be witnessed as the both teams still have a chance of finishing up second, though Stonecutters require but a few more points.

'SAPPERS' CHANCES GOOD

The Sappers defeated South China, leaders of the Second Division, by three clear goals in their Junior Shield encounter recently, and if they field the same side should be able to collect both points, as they have sound forwards in Pelham, Fox and Denyer.

P. W. D., whose team is now composed of mostly former Chinese Atletic players, have made great strides recently and will this week be strengthened by the inclusion of Chen Hing-kwong, former Shanghai Interport and player captain of the now defunct Kowloon Chinese team.

BEST GAME

In consequence of this, they should account for Royal Scots, present leaders of the Third Division "A" Section,

The game between 24th R.A., Battery, and Stonecutters should be well contested with the odds on Stonecutters. The Gunners did well in the Junior Shield competition and will have all their men still available. Sumner, Atkins and Marshall are good in the forward line, while in the Wireless team are included several players who are worthy of First Division recognition.

This Week's Local Soccer Forecast

The following is the forecast for local soccer programme this week:

SATURDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1939

First Division

Navy v Club
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.
Linesmen:—Silva & Edwards.

Eastern v Kowloon
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Hooper.
Linesmen:—Farr & Gibson.

Police v Middlesex
(Boundary Road ground, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Finch.
Linesmen:—Phillips & W. Somerville

Kwong Wah v St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—Wilken & Wilson.

Second Division

Club v 5th R.A.
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ottoway.

Eastern v Kowloon
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Stedman.

Kwong Wah v St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Kossick.

Royal Scots v R.A.O.C.
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—MacCormac.

Police v Middlesex
(Boundary Road ground, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Clark.

Engineers v South China
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Molynaeux.

Third Division "A"

R.A.S.C. v Electric
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Benham.

Third Division "B"

Medicals v R.A.F.
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

A.S.A. v University
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Aylwin.

Kumaon R. v Signals
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Woldran.

SUNDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1939

Third Division "A"

P.W.D. v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Havelaar.

South China v 30th R.A.
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Brothwell.

5th R.A. v Kit Che
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Gamlin.

Stanley v R.E. (C.)
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—McIlgrew.

Third Division "B"

24th R.A. v Stonecutters
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Burgess.

R.E. (E.) v Powhattan
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Marriott.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JAN., 1939

Third Division "B"

24th R.A. v University
(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—MacCormac.

LEE SHEK YAU SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR

Lee Shek-yau, the South China "B' left winger, who was sent off the field during the extra time in the Senior Shield game against Eastern, was suspended from participating in any football match for one year, by the Emergency Committee, last night.

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BRAWN CUP

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss P. Macfayden; Miss L. Dunne and Miss V. Beaumont; Miss B. Louis, Miss C. Bone and Miss M. Duckworth; Miss J. Crawford, Miss M. Parsons, Miss E. Woolley, Miss K. Winch and Miss E. Hunt.

St. Andrew's Ladies:—Miss H. O'Sullivan; Miss D. Chow and Miss J. Broadbridge; Miss P. Jeffreys, Miss M. Vesoona and Miss S. Arnold; Miss K. Ho, Miss Y. Ho, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts and Miss T. Jex.

Recreio "A":—Miss Z. Barros; Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss O. Botelho; Miss M. Silva, Miss P. Gonsalves and Mrs. L. Silva; Miss B. Remedios, Miss M. M. da Roza, Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss M. da Roza.

"Y" Ladies:—Miss A. Ambrose; Miss S. Bruce and Mrs. Trimmer; Miss N. Hurst; Miss I. Buchanan and Miss J. Seath; Mrs. Frith, Miss R. Dsirne, Miss V. Bradbury, Miss N. Eardley, and Mrs. K. Grant.

TO-DAY'S LADIES' HOCKEY CARD

CAER CLARK CUP

C.B.A. v St. Andrew's
(St. Andrew's, 2.45 p.m.)

H.K. Ladies v "Y" Ladies
(Happy Valley, 3 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

Seaforth Ladies v Recreio "A"
(Recreio, 3 p.m.)

C.B.A. v Recreio "B"
(C.B.A., 4 p.m.)

C.B. School v St. Andrew's
(C.B. School, 3 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v D.G. School
("Y", 2.45 p.m.)

Ladies' Hockey Will Resume To-day

Many Team Changes Featured

MISS J. PARKINSON LEAVES H.K. LADIES

(By "STICKS")

An interesting programme in the Ladies' Hockey League is down for decision this afternoon, the two Caer Clark Cup matches being of particular interest in view of the present League standing.

The important clash between "Y" Ladies and St. Andrew's Ladies having been postponed until later on in the season, much importance will be attached to to-day's games, for if "Y", who visit the Valley to-day, drop a point or two, Saints will stand an excellent chance of securing the championship.

"Y" expect to field their full team, but some doubt exists at the moment concerning Miss Harker, who may not play. If Miss Harker does not play, Miss N. Eardley will be promoted from the juniors and will fill the right-wing berth, Mrs. Burnett moving to inside-right.

RIGHT-WINGER LEAVES

Hong Kong Ladies are also making several changes, Miss R. Smith coming into the full-back division where she will partner Miss E. Gray, while Miss D. Baker makes an appearance on the right wing. Miss J. Parkinson, who has filled this position very successfully since the commencement of the League, is leaving for home shortly and will not be participating again.

St. Andrew's will not be at full strength against Central British Association Ladies at King's Park where they are expected to secure another two points.

C.B.A.'S THREE CHANGES

Several team changes have also been made in the Junior combinations C.B.A. are making three, changes, being strengthened in attack where Miss E. Woolley makes a re-appearance at centre-forward, while Miss M. Parsons will be seen at inside-right. Miss B. Louis will be seen at right-half instead of Mrs. W. F. Webb.

St. Andrew's juniors will be without the services of Mrs. Rose in goal and as a result Miss H. O'Sullivan will again fill this berth while the vacancy at left-half will be filled by Miss S. Arnold, Miss K. Ho comes in at right-wing.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

The following are some of to-day's teams competing in the Caer Clark and Brawn Cup Leagues:—

CAER CLARK CUP

"Y" Ladies:—Mrs. M. Read; Mrs. R. Burke and Miss A. Fowler; Mrs. Stone, Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. Williams; Mrs. O. Burnett (Captain), Miss B. Harker, Miss H. Bockler, Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

St. Andrew's Ladies:—Miss J. Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Miss P. Petigura, Miss J. Wong and Miss H. Reid; Miss F. Wong, Miss E. Churn, Miss P. Gittins (Captain), Miss E. Greiner and Miss I. Gittins.

H.K. Ladies:—Mrs. J. Lunson; Miss E. Gray and Miss R. Smith; Mrs. J. G. Dalziel, Miss B. Pope and Miss A. Purvis; Miss D. Baker, Miss M. Simpson, Miss J. Greig, Mrs. W. Waddell and Miss M. Smalley.

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Junior Cricket League To-day

University An Unknown Quantity?

CRAIGENGOWER FIELDING VERY STRONG XI AGAINST ARMY

(By "ADREM")

Washed out by rain last week, Junior League cricket will make a further effort to commence this afternoon. Ten teams are engaged and, as most of them are of similar strength, there should be few matches entirely devoid of interest.

Most attractive fixture appears to be that between Police and Recreio, at Happy Valley. Both sides are strong in attack and both have potential batting, although it does not always come off.

In view of the fact that Police have the advantage of playing at home, I am inclined to think they will come out on top of a low-scoring match.

C.C.C. VERY STRONG

A glance at the Craigengower team to play Army, at the Valley, leads me to the conclusion that if this combination is not at the top of the table at the end of the season, it will not be due to lack of talent.

Led by that experienced cricketer, J. L. Youngsaye, they will have the assistance of A. R. Hamson, a stalwart of the first team for many years, Hong Sling, wicket-keeper and sound bat, and among others, A. J. Hulse, who a few years ago was to the Diocesan Boys' School what Crary is to-day.

Whatever side Army turns out today, I shall be very surprised if they win, although having regard to local conditions, a draw is not outside the bounds of possibility.

GOOD MATCH PREDICTED

Kowloon Cricket Club entertain University. I have heard it whispered that the latter are not as strong a side as they might be: Be that as it may, another critic, in whose judgment I place the utmost reliance, maintains that they are capable of beating any team here, and are extremely well-balanced.

They may or may not be strong but I feel that they will have little difficulty against Kowloon to-day in view of the fact that their batting is just as good while their bowling is infinitely superior.

In the remaining games, Cricket Club should beat I.R.C. and Navy should be given very little trouble by Civil Services, even though H.M.S. Birmingham has left these climes.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

FIRST DIVISION
(FRIENDLIES)

Indian R.C. v Craigengower C.C.
Navy v Civil Service C.C.
Recreio v Club

SECOND DIVISION
(LEAGUE)

Civil Service C.C. v Navy
Kowloon C.C. v University
Police v Recreio
H.K.C.C. v Indians
Craigengower C.C. v Army

WRIGHT'S HAT-TRICK

East London, To-day.

D. V. P. Wright yesterday performed the "hat-trick" when playing for the M.C.C. against the Border. The Border scored 121. Wright took four consecutive wickets.—Reuter Bulletin.

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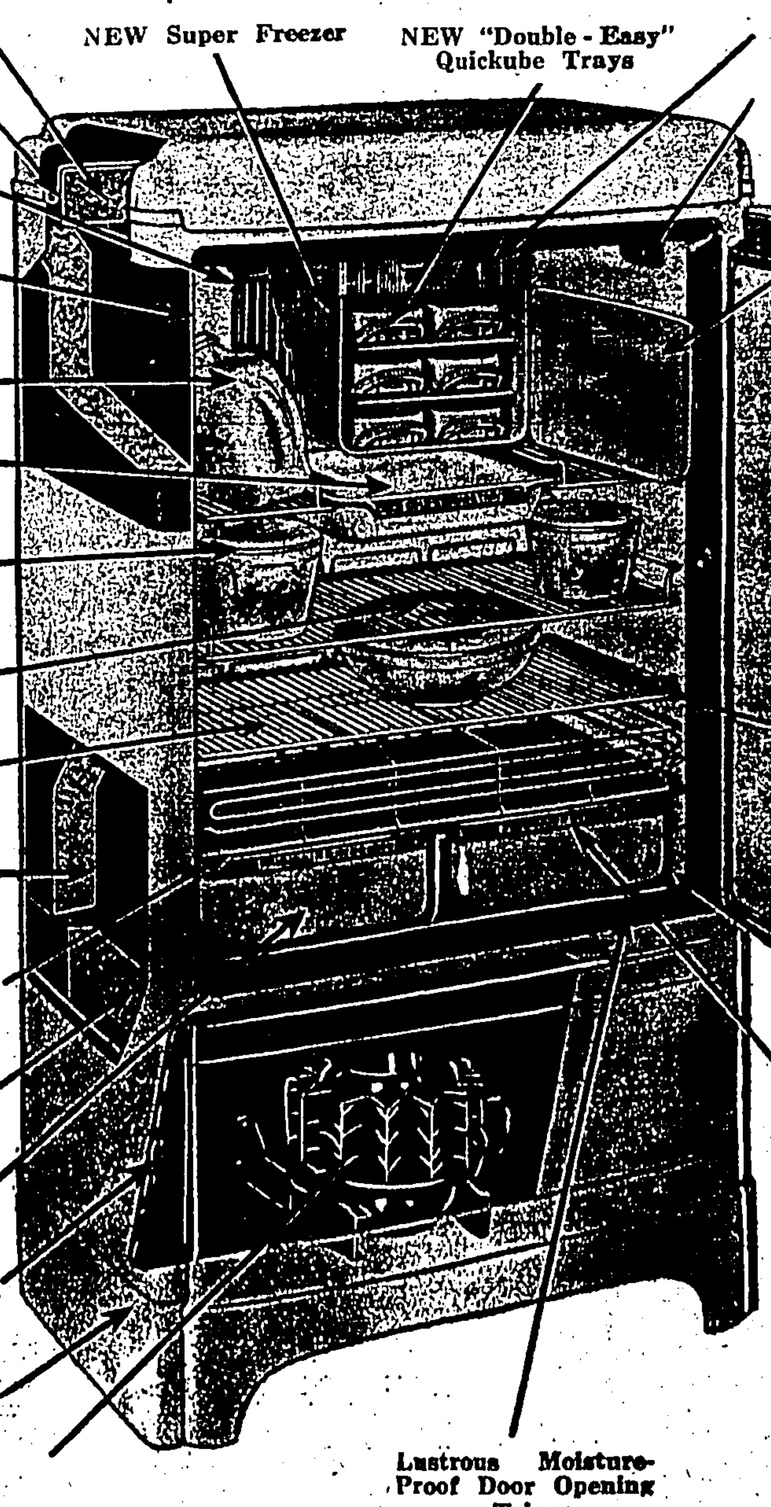

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More Lawn Tennis Rankings

U.S.A.: GERMANY: IRELAND

TALENT IN THE BALANCE

(By F. R. BURROW)
(By AIR MAIL)

The last week of the year 1938 has seen the publication of the U.S.A. ranking lists for 1938. Budge, naturally, heads the men's list, though since his final triumph in the singles championship at Forest Hills, he has crossed the line which definitely separates amateurs from professionals.

Next to him comes R. L. Riggs, whom we have as yet had no opportunity of seeing in this country, though it will be surprising if he does not attempt, next summer, to follow in the footsteps of Tilden, S. B. Wood, Vines, and Budge in carrying off the championship at Wimbledon.

Third comes G. Mako, who has never been ranked so high before: it is, no doubt, his excellent performance in reaching the final at Forest Hills in the autumn which has secured him so high a ranking, for he has never been regarded as a front-rank singles player, though he and Budge have made a very good, but by no means invincible, doubles pair.

Excellence in doubles, however, often blinds the public to possibilities in singles; the late R. Lycett was a case in point. The three next in order Americans are S. B. Wood, J. M. Hunt, and B. M. Grant, of whom Hunt is the only one who has not yet crossed the Atlantic to play at Wimbledon.

INSUFFICIENT DATA

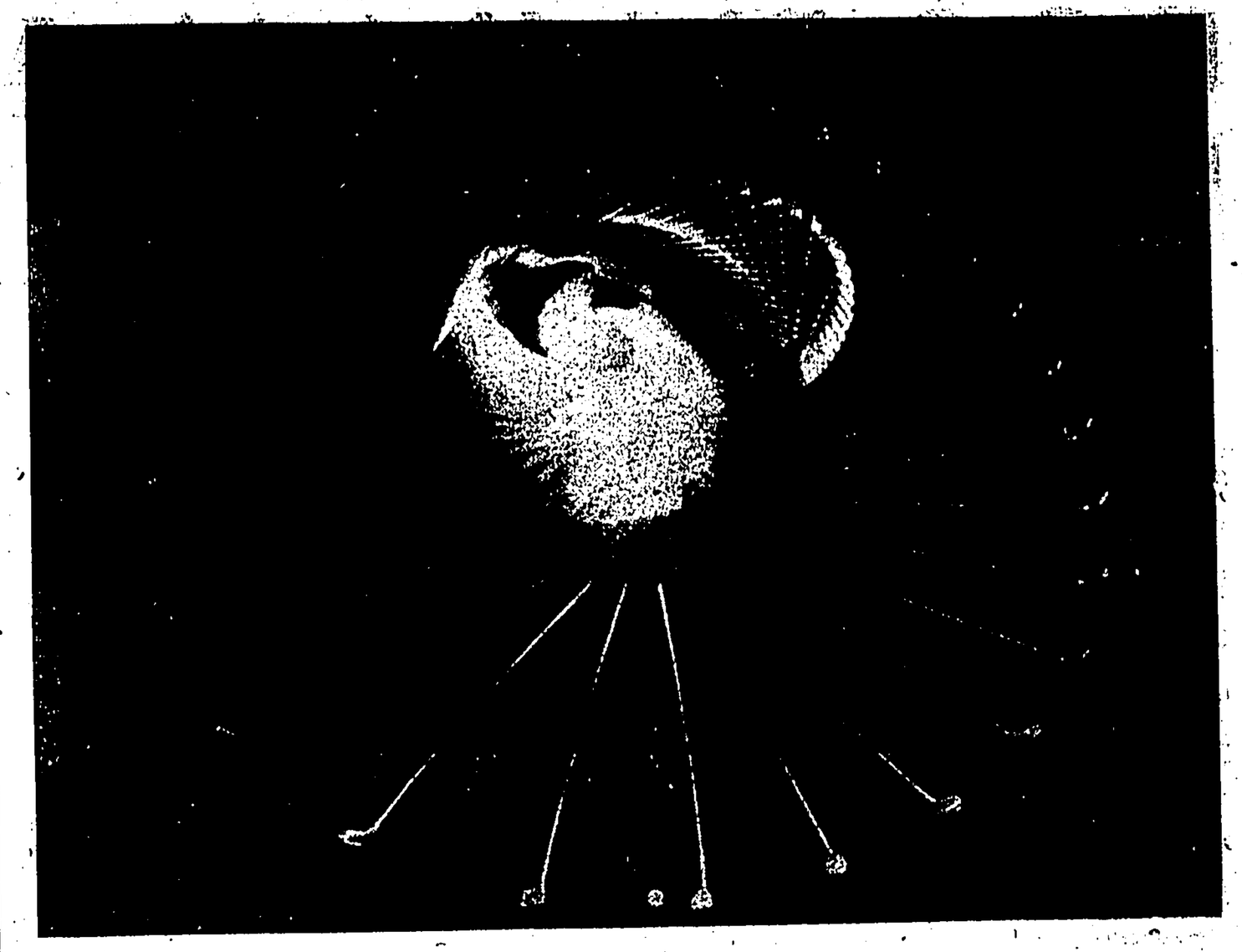
Neither Mrs. Wills-Moody nor Miss Helen Jacobs is included in the U.S.A. ranking list, both being omitted on the ground of "insufficient data." A list which does not contain their names —the former having, during the year, won the singles at Wimbledon for the eighth time—can hardly be regarded, outside the States at any rate, as truly indicative of the strength of the country; but their omission affords the ranking committee the opportunity of doing what they aways like to do, putting the winner of their singles championship, Miss Alice Marble, at the head of it.

There is a good deal to be said for this custom, after all, even if the winner of a championship has not met the best possible field in securing it, she has at any rate beaten everyone she has been called on to beat, and none can do more than that. Miss Marble is followed closely by Mrs. Palfrey Fabyan against whom she was more than once within a point of defeat in their match in the championship semi-final. Miss D. Bundy, daughter of a more famous mother, is given third place, and followed by Miss B. Winslow, Miss Gracyn Wheeler, and Miss D. Workman.

THE GERMAN LIST

H. Henkel heads the German ranking list for the year, though it cannot be denied that he has shown little of the form which won him both his own and the French singles championships in 1937. The next two places are occupied by G. von Metaxa and H. Redl, who became German after the elimination of Austria from the list of nations.

R. Menzel, late of Czecho-Slovakia, is not included in the list, not having become eligible for it until after the ranking period had closed. He should mean a considerable accession of strength to the rather impoverished ranks of German Davis Cup players in 1939.



BOBBY JONES'S TECHNIQUE with a driver is illustrated by this multiple-flash photograph. Each picture is exposed one hundred-thousandth of a second, and the interval between flashes is one hundredth of a second.

Fraulein Horn, well known in English tournaments, heads the women's list, the only other player in it who has played much in England being Fraulein Kraus, who is placed fourth, the second and third places being occupied by Fraulein Ullstein and Fraulein Harnel respectively.

THE IRISHMEN

As he has done for a good many years past, G. Lyttelton Rogers heads the Irish ranking list, and he is still a good way ahead in skill of any of his compatriots. T. G. MacVeagh has been suffering from an injury to his arm and has not played enough tennis during the year to gain inclusion, otherwise he would probably have come second, a place occupied by R. F. Egan, followed by C. A. Kemp and A. E. Fannin.

Seeing that Ireland was the first country to follow England in playing the game, and produced many of the best players in the first twenty years of its existence, it is curious that worthy successors are so few to the great names of Joshua Pim, Eyre Chatterton. "Ghost" Hamilton, H. S. Mahony, the Chaytors, and many others for whom English tournaments used to be a happy hunting ground.

Of later years only J. C. Parke and the Hon. Cecil Campbell, and of today, Lyttelton Rogers, have approached Ireland's earlier excellence. It is time the wheel of Fortune turned again, and that the "disthressful country" again emulated the glories of its past.

Home Badminton Season At Halfway Stage

NICHOLS BROTHERS TOP RANKERS
MALAYAN PLAYER'S SUCCESS

London.

THE end of the year marks the mid-way point of the Badminton season more precisely than in other winter sports. This is clearly indicated by the date of the last authorised tournament before the festive interval, the North London Tournament of December 12-16. and the Eastbourne Open Championships from January 5-7.

This latter tournament has often been held during the Christmas break, to afford the enthusiastic champions, including Mrs. Uber and the Nichols brothers, a sort of busman's holiday. The January date is something of an experiment, and, I understand, a popular one. The Scottish Championships are also played this month, and a party of English players, including Miss D. Young, hope to make the trip to Glasgow to support admirable Scottish enthusiasm and enterprise.

NICHOLS BROTHERS

The most interesting speculation at this stage of the season is on the form of our singles players. Let there be no mistake about it, Ralph Nichols, the present All-England champion, reigns supreme in this field. Writing from memory, I think he has only once been defeated in singles this season, when his brother, Leslie, beat him during the South of England meeting at the Crystal Palace Club.

Leslie Nichols is officially No. 2 singles player, but H. J. Wingfield, promising young C.P. and Kent player, has beaten him four times in succession, and has beaten every other singles player of note with the exception of Ralph himself.

MALAYAN CHINESE

H. S. Ong, the Malayan, distinguished himself in one of the earlier tournaments when he accounted for Wingfield during the Middlesex Championships, but he has now passed his law examination and returned to his native country in order to marry.

Little has been seen of R. M. White in the South this year, but he is still quite a force in the game, and C. H. Whittaker, the Derbyshire player, "bagged" the Portsmouth title against admittedly rather lean opposition.

AMONG THE LADIES

In the ladies' field there have been many surprises. Miss D.M.C. Young, the holder of the All-England title, will start firm favourite wherever she enters if she continues to return such a large percentage of wins; but Mrs. Uber, if she rests from doubles events, is quite capable of beating her, as she occasionally demonstrates.

Miss D. Doveton, that Graceful Young Lady of Bath, is concentrating more on the singles game this season, and beat her former tutor, Mrs. Uber, in three close games at Portsmouth.

MAY RETIRE

There are rumours that Mrs. Uber and R. C. F. Nichols may retire at the end of the season, the latter more or less officially confirmed. All hope that neither rumour is true, for the game would suffer a great loss if either departed from the lists.

The London League games are mostly in favour of Crystal Palace, with three good pairs in Wingfield and Miss Brown, S. C. Minard and Miss Sinclair, and Bowditch and Mrs. Uber. Alexandra Palace still want a lot of beating, and Sundridge Park have shown great improvement.

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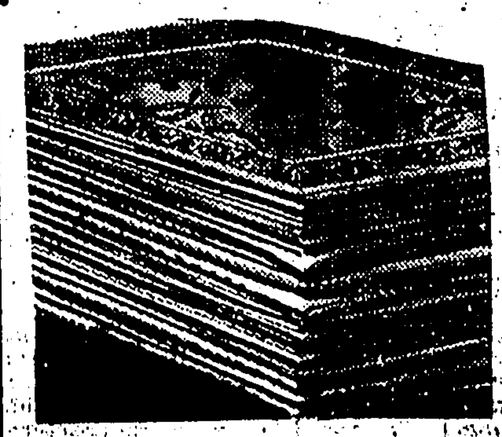

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LOCAL RUGBY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES TO-DAY

England And Scotland For Final?

(By "REFEREE")

The first (semi-final) rounds of the local International Rugby Tournament will take place this afternoon on the Sookunpoo ground, commencing at 2.45 p.m., when England and Ireland meet.

The second match will be held at 4 p.m. when Scotland meet Wales. In both these encounters some interesting play should be witnessed, although it is expected that England and Scotland will contest the final, which will be held on the Club ground next Saturday, January 21, commencing at 4 p.m.

England have a back division of Interport standard, comprising as it does of Club's powerful right wing threequarter pair of G. K. Chadwick and H. D. Bidwell and Navy's star pair of P. O. Askwith and Lt. Walters, while Lt. Stevens, Navy's brilliant full-back, will be in support.

ELLIOT NOT PLAYING

Lt. Elliot, Navy's skipper and a Home International stand-off-half, will not be playing and Sgt. Lang will be seen in this position with Lt. Talbot at the base of the pack. England have a powerful pack with such notables as K. A. Salter, Club's hooker. Pte. Berry, Army second row forward, and Lt. Ogle, Navy's outstanding wing forward.

Ireland are not able to field a fully representative side and H. van Leeuwen (Netherlands) will assist them in the back division together with G. S. Wilson, whom I believe is English. In Surg. Lt. Ellis and Ldg. Tel. Kelly, however, Ireland have a fast and dangerous pair of threequarters, who may possibly give the English back division some anxiety.

IRISH INTERNATIONAL

Lt. Comdr. H. C. Brown, an Irish International, will be hooking and will be supported by A. B. Thatcher, L/Sergt. Page, Lt. St. John and Mid. Carew-Hunt amongst others.

Scotland, who meet Wales, have a vastly superior back division to their opponents, although if the day proves a wet one, with seems unlikely at the moment, they will meet with serious opposition at forward.

FORMIDABLE BACKS

J. T. Brown, who has been performing consistently well for Club "A" fifteen, will be full-back for Scotland while their formidable threequarter line comprises D. H. Stewart and W. E. Grieve (Club), L/Cpl. Boe, Army's outstanding centre-threequarter, and Flying Officer Thomas, of the Eagle. Hutchinson and Henderson, who have played together before, are the fly-half and scrum-half, respectively.

Scotland probably possess the finest pack of the four countries. "Jock" Dunnett, captain of the Club "A" fifteen, will hook with Lt. Cuthbertson and K. A. Watson as his front-row colleagues, while Lt. Anderson (Navy), A. J. G. Taylor, one of the outstanding forwards

J. B. Borthwick (Stewart's F.P.)

of the season, and Lt. Crawford, Army's skipper, will comprise the wing forwards and middle-of-the-back-row.

WALES' STRONG PACK

Wales are strongly represented in the pack with Mr. Witherden, of Royal Navy, hooking and A. F. Walkden and Ldg. Sea. Romans, supporting him on the flanks. Lt. Boddington (Navy) and C. R. "Tiger" Davies (Club) are other well known players in their pack.

Lt. Skelton, one of the "surprise" players of this season, will be seen at stand-off-half in support of Lt. Webster, who makes one of his rare appearances at the base of the scrum.

The first game will be refereed by Lt. Pirie while the second will be in charge of Lt. Cdr. "Tubby" Linton.

The teams are:

England v. Ireland, at Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m. Referee Lt. Pirie.

England: Lt. Stevens (Kent); G. K. Chadwick (Club), H. D. Bidwell (Club), P. O. Askwith (Dainty) and Lt. Walters (Medway); Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.) and Lt. Talbot (Medway); Spr. Appely (R.E.), K. A. Salter (Club), Gnr. Evans (5th A.A.); Pte. Berry (Middlesex), W. E. Peers (Club); Lt. Ogle (Medway), Lt. D'Oyly (R. Scots) and J. Redman (Club).

Ireland: M. W. MacGrath (Club); H. van Leeuwen (Club), G. S. Wilson (Club), Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway) and Ldg. Tel. Kelly (Kent); Lt. Potter (Medway) and Lt. Drew-Wilkinson (R. Scots); Pte. Boustead (R.A.O.C.), Lt. Cdr. Browne (Medway), Pte. Richardson (Seaforths); Street (Club), A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); L/Sgt. Page (5th A.A.), Lt. St. John (Medway) and Mid. Carew-Hunt (Kent).

Scotland v. Wales, at Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. Referee Lt. Cdr. Linton.

Scotland: J. T. Brown (Club); D. H. Stewart (Club), W. E. Grieve (Club), L/Cpl. Boe (R. Scots) and F. O. Thomas (Eagle); J. Hutchinson (Club) and J. R. Henderson (Club); Lt. Cuthbertson (R. Scots), J. S. Dunnett (Club), K. A. Watson (Club); L/Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots), Pte. Coombes (R. Scots), Lt. Anderson (Medway), A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. Crawford (R. C. Sig.).

Wales: Cpl. Lewis (8th Hvy.); Bde. Freer (8th Hvy.), Gnr. Ritchards (8th Hvy.), Mid. Finlay (Kent) and Lt. Lomax (8th Hvy.); Lt. Skelton (Medway) and Lt. Webster (Medway); A. F. Walkden (Club), Mr. Witherden (Duncan), Ldg. Sea. Romans (Eagle); Bdr. Beavan (8th Hvy.), Lt. Boddington (Medway), Gnr. Hall (8th Hvy.), C. R. Davies (Club) and Bdr. Whitehead (8th Hvy.).

AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT K.C.C. TO-MORROW

One of the most popular tournaments of its kind in the Colony, an American Mixed Doubles Tournament on the progressive system, each set being limited to seven games, will be held at Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Scotland's Final Rugby Trial To Be Held At Murrayfield To-day

I. G. P. THOMSON AT CENTRE: MANY SWITCHES IN THE PACK

(By AIR MAIL)

It will be noted with some dismay amongst Scottish Rugby followers that R. C. S. Dick is an absentee in the Scottish Rugby Union's final international trial match, which will take place to-day at Murrayfield and which include several surprise selections.

Dick, not only a great defensive player, but a possessor of brilliant touches and a running swerve without equal in Rugby football at the moment, has had business engagements that have made his availability doubtful, and there must be fears now that he will not play again for Scotland.

K. C. Fyfe, who made a return at the trial at Selkirk, is also an absentee.

The feature of the Scotland team is that there are three changes from the XV which was victorious at Twickenham in March last. J. B. Borthwick (Stewart's College F. P.), like Dick, is missing, while W. F. Blackadder, who went into the team in place of Borthwick against England, is in the Rest side.

NEW HOOKER

A new hooker is required, of course, in place of J. D. H. Hastie, who has retired from the Melrose club matches, and R. W. Sampson, who got a good share of the ball at Selkirk, is included.

A surprising change amongst the forwards puts A. Roy in the front row, and W. M. Inglis in the second row. The need for more solid scrummaging obviously still exercises the minds of the selectors first and foremost.

W. R. C. BRYDON A "POSSIBLE"

The Rest of Scotland back division shows a vacancy at scrum half-back, and the feeling, after yesterday's unofficial trial at Murrayfield, must be that W. R. C. Brydon, who sustained an injury to his face, must be a likely man for the berth.

The "Rest" forwards include several players believed to be past their best, and it may be that selectors, if left with problems, will have to go beyond the actual trial sides.

TO-DAY'S SCOTTISH TRIAL TEAMS

SCOTLAND

G. Roberts (Watsonians);

W. N. Renwick (Edinburgh Wanderers),
D. J. Macrae (St. Andrew's University),
I. G. P. Thomson (Norwich), and
J. G. S. Forrest (Cambridge University);

R. W. Shaw (Glasgow High School, F.P.), and
T. F. Dorward (Gala);

A. Roy (Waterloo),
R. W. Sampson (London Scottish),
W. Purdie (Jedforest),
W. M. Inglis (Royal Engineers),
G. B. Horsburgh (London Scottish),
W. H. Crawford (United Services),
P. L. Duff (Glasgow Academicals), and
W. B. Young (King's College Hospital).

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REST OF SCOTLAND

C. F. Grieve (Aldershot Services);

J. B. Craig (Heriot's F.P.),
W. G. Young (Leicester),
J. R. S. Innes (Aberdeen University), and
C. W. Drummond (Melrose);

R. B. Bruce Lockhart (Cambridge University) and A. N. Other;

G. H. Gallie (Edinburg Academicals),
I. C. Henderson (Edinburgh Academicals),
W. F. Blackadder (Newcastle Northern),
C. L. Melville (London Scottish),
D. K. A. Mackenzie (Edinburgh Wanderers),
G. D. Shaw (Sale),
S. G. A. Harper (Watsonians), and
R. W. Barrie (Hawick).

"FEEBLE" CHINESE TEAM FOR LAI WAH CUP

An Assurance Which Sounds "Hollow"

(By "UBIQUE")

The team to represent the Chinese Clubs against the Navy in the Semi-Final Round of the Lai Wah Competition on January 22, was chosen on Thursday night and is about the poorest representative Chinese team for many seasons.

South China Athletic Association, who are at present in Saigon, assured the Football Association that their players would be back in time for this game and in view of this, it is extraordinary, why none of the players now on tour have been chosen!

The following is the team:—

Tam Kwan-kon (South China "B"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern) and Hau Yung-sang (Kwong Wah); Lau Chi-chan (Eastern), Leung Wing-chui (South China "A") and Lo Wa-kuen (Eastern); Chan Bing-to (Eastern), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Lee Tak-kee (Eastern), Hsu King-seng (Eastern) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Navy beat Eastern by 3 goals to 2 and drew with Kwong Wah two goals all, in the League games, and with the sailors at present at their best, it looks as if they should easily reach the final, in, which case Associations funds will lose considerably!

UNINTERESTING FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE CARD

Eastern and Kowloon will provide the main interest in to-day's First Division League programme which the latter are expected to win in view of their recent successes.

St. Joseph's, who travel to Kowloon where they meet Kwong Wah, will probably miss the services of N. Beltrao and A. V. Gosano, both of whom will be playing cricket, while C. F. Remedios will also be an absentee.

Police entertain Middlesex at Boundary Street, but are not expected to win as the soldiers are about due for a victory following their poor form recently.

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12.30 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
12.42 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
Honolulu March; Kohala March.....Frank Ferera & John K. Paaluhi (Hawaiian Guitars).
Papalina Lahilahi (Noble); Haleiwa (Woodd).....Ray Kinney with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians.
My Tane—Hawaiian Novelty (Gump & Noble).....Andy Iona and His Islanders with Vocal Quartette.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Old Time Songs and Melodies.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Willoughby); Spring Song (Mendelssohn, arr. Willoughby); Andante Cantabile (Tschaikowsky, arr. Willoughby); The Wedding Of The Rose (Jessel, arr. Willoughby); Hearts And Flowers (Tobani, arr. Willoughby); Phantom Minuet (Hope); Souvenir (Drdla, arr. Willoughby); Valse Bluette—Air De Ballot (Drigo); Narcissus (Nevin).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music & Variety.
Dance Orch.—One, Two, Button Your Shoe—Fox-Trot; Pennies From Heaven—Fox-Trot (both from film 'Pennies From Heaven').....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—You Look So Sweet, Madame (film 'The Beloved Vagabond'); Tziga Doodle-Day (film 'The Beloved Vagabond')....Maurice Chevalier (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Dance Orch. — Chase The Blues Away; I May Be Wrong—Fox-Trot ....Chick Webb & His Orchestra with vocal chorus.
Vocal—Lonesome Love-Sick Blues (Williams); I Love Dancing (Williams).....Josephine Baker with two pianos.
Dance Orch.—Wanderers—Fox-Trot; Easter Morning—Fox-Trot ... Casani Club Orchestra directed by Charlie Kunz with vocal refrain.
Humorous Sketch — Sandy Goes Courting....Sandy Powell & Company.
Dance Orch.—Dreams In Spring—Tango; The Tango Of My Heart—Tango.....Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.
Vocal & Piano—A Little Rendezvous In Honolulu (Burke); Hypnotized (Lewis).....Turner Layton.
Dance Orch.—Be Careful, Young Lady—Fox-Trot (film 'All the King's Horses'); A Little White Gardenia—Fox-Trot (film 'All the King's Horses')....Art Kassel & His Kassels-In-The-Air with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—When The Gipsy Played ('Glamorous Night'—Novello).... Mary Ellis (Soprano) acc. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orch. cond. by Charles Prentice.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Terance Casey at the Organ.
The Irish Organist—Medley (arr. Casey); In A Clock Store (Orth); Parade Of The Weddings (arr. Casey); Wedding Of The Parades (arr. Casey).
7.20 p.m.—London Relay—'Steamboat'. A programme of variety, music, and drama from our floating playhouse reviving for you some of the glories of the old showboat days. The Cast will include: Dick Francis as The Showman; Lorna Stuart; Brian Lawrance; Jack Train; and The Three in Harmony. The Orchestra (led by Josef Marais). Conducted by Jack Clarke). The programme devised by Adrian Thomas and presented by William MacLurg.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Request Programme.
Under The Double Eagle—March.... The Band Of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. J. C. Windram.
When I Grow Too Old To Dream (from 'The Night is Young').....Irene Dunne (Soprano) with Orch.
Goodnight Vienna (from the film) ....Len Fillis (Hawaiian Guitar) with Orchestra.
When Irish Eyes Are Smiling (Ball) ....Danny Malone (Tenor) with Orch.
Little Lady Make Believe—Fox-Trot ....Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
"Give Me A Ring"—A Couple Of Fools In Love (John & Broones) ....Margaret Bannerman (Soprano) with Martin Broones at the Piano.
Here Comes The Bride—Slow Fox-Trot....The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus.
Susanna From Alabama (Ted & Ezra)....The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment.
Rosetta (Hines & Woode).....Len Fillis and His Orchestra.
You're As Pretty As A Picture (film 'That Certain Age'); My Own (film 'That Certain Age')....Henry King and His Orchestra.
A Gipsy Told Me—Fox-Trot (film 'Happy Landing')....Horace Reidt & His Alemite Brigadiers with Vocal Chorus.
'Firefly' Selection.....Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal Refrain.
Someone To Care For Me (film 'Three Smart Girls').....Deanna Durban (Vocal).
8.50 p.m.—London Relay — 'London Log'.
9 p.m.—Local Sport Results.
9.04 p.m.—Request Programme Continued.
Senorita (film 'The Girl of the Golden West')....Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra cond. by Leonard Joy.
With Sword And Lance—March (Stark).....Reginald Dixon (Organ).
Thanks For The Memory (film 'Big Broadcast of 1933').....Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orchestra.
This Year's Kisses—Fox-Trot (film 'On the Avenue')....Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Hawaii Calls (from the film)...Bobby Breen (Boy Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus.
The Lambeth Walk (from 'Me and My Girl').....Lupino Lane with Teddie St. Denis And Company. Orchestra conducted by George Windeatt.
Goodnight Angel (film 'Radio City Revels').....Hildegarde (Vocal) with Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Fiammata; (b) Fatalita; (c) Quieremo Mucho; (d) Chavaliyo.
10.05 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.
10.10 p.m.—(a) It's Wonderful; (b) Margie; (c) Please be kind; (d) Dark town Strutters Ball.
10.25 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.
10.35 p.m.—(a) Lovin' you; (b) Boo Hoo; (c) Half Moon on the Hudson; (d) Sensation.
10.50 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.
11 p.m.—(a) Artist's Life; (b) Sylva; (c) Coco l'Asticot; (d) Celito Lindo.
11.15 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.
11.20 p.m.—(a) Moments like this; (b) Gee! But you're Swell; (c) I'd fall in love with you every day; (d) A-Tisket A-Tasket.
11.35 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.
11.45 p.m.—(a) My Own; (b) Happy Birthday to you; (c) Change Partners; (d) The Yam.
12 midnight.—Close down.

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JACK ... ½
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	♠ Q J 8 5 ♡ 9 4 ◇ 7 3 ♣ A K Q 6 2	
♠ 6 3 ♡ Q 10 7 ◇ J 10 8 ♣ J 8 7	N W E S	♠ 10 4 ♡ J 8 3 2 ◇ K 9 6 5 ♣ 10 9 5
	♠ A K 9 7 2 ♡ A K 6 5 ◇ A Q ♣ 4 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
5◇	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened a small trump. Declarer won with the Queen in dummy and played a low trump to his own Ace. When both adversaries followed, he promptly laid down the hand since, irrespective of how the other suits broke, he could discard one diamond on dummy's Queen of clubs and trump two hearts.

The hand is given purely for the bidding, which is quite instructive. While South had a tremendous high card holding, his hand was not strong enough for a two-bid. North might have responded with a jump in spades, but instead elected to show his club suit. South's second-round bid of three hearts was correct, and then North made a decided underbid — he bid only four spades. We believe the correct bid would have been a jump to five spades. However, the four-spade bid encouraged South, who now bid five diamonds, clearly showing first-round control of this suit. North now revalued his hand and said to himself: "In spite of my underbidding, my partner has first invited the Slam by a jump forcing bid in a new suit (three hearts), and furthermore shown me first-round control in diamonds. From his bidding he must have the Ace-King of spades, the Ace of hearts and the Ace of diamonds, and he should also have the King of hearts, in which case the Grand Slam will be a laydown. Furthermore, if he doesn't have the King of hearts, I have a pretty good club suit here and he ought to be able to discard any losing hearts on my clubs. In any event, the Grand Slam is worth bidding."

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Tarzan's Revenge". Edgar Rice Burroughs latest and greatest tale of the African jungle brings more thrills and strange creatures than ever thringed any of the writer's previous stories. Glenn Morris, Olympic champions, and Eleanor Holm, the world's greatest female swimmer head the huge cast.

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AT THE STAR—"Anthony Adverse", with Fredic March and Olivia de Havilland. Warner's Bros. Much talked-about picture, with both stars giving their best.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Little Tough Guy", with Helen Parrish, Jackie Searl and Robert Wilcox. The story is a simple powerful narrative about what happens to one family when tragedy strikes. It begins when the father is sent to jail on a murder charge, and follows the mother, son and daughter after they move to cheap quarters in a sordid section of the city.

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AT THE KING'S—"Lord Jeff", with Freddie Bartholomew, Mickey Rooney, Charles, Coburn, Gale Sondergaard and Herbert Mundin. A dramatic story of the training of boys for Britan's future Merchant Marine, Freddie portrays a boy, represented as a scion of nobility by crooks, who finds regeneration and a new destiny when sent to the English training school, part of the Barbardo Homes, institution in England. Mickey is a student petty officer, first Freddie's Nemesis, later his friend. The desperate fight between the two boys, the great boat race, the mast-climbing contests, and other nautical school thrills mingle with human and dramatic touches in settings which are authentic and elaborate.

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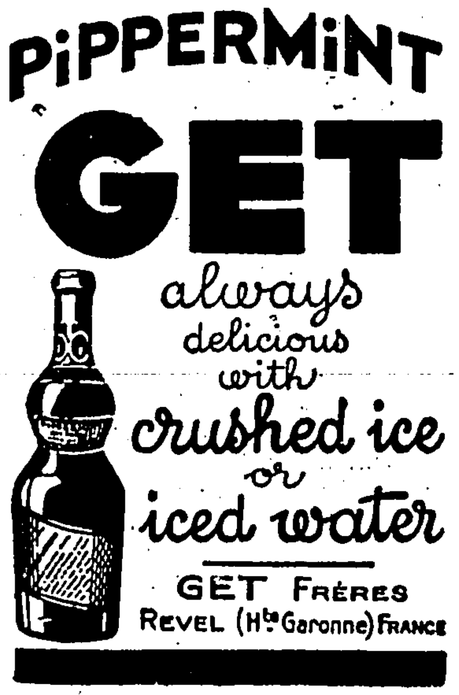

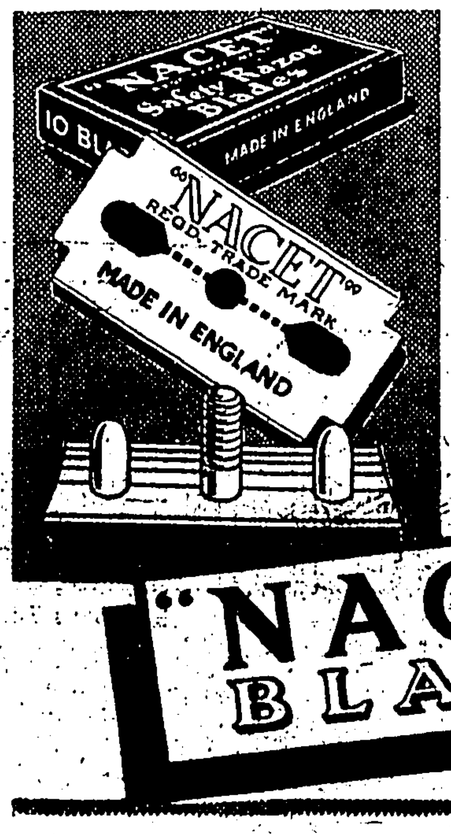

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The freight train which was destroyed by Chinese guerillas on Wednesday on the Peiping-Tientsin line was loaded with cotton bound for Japan.

The guerillas, who arrived on horseback, were believed to number 500. They set fire to the cargo before galloping off.

The work of clearing the track has been completed and the train service resumed yesterday morning.—Reuter.

GUERILLAS ACTIVE IN HUNAN

Milo, Hunan, To-day.

Chinese guerillas are moving about freely behind the Japanese lines in north Hunan.

The Canton-Hankow Railway between Yoyang and Wuchang has been repeatedly damaged. Several Japanese military trains have been derailed, involving considerable casualties. Japanese telegraph communication has again and again been disrupted.—Central News.

H.K. NUTRITION RESEARCH COMMITTEE

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following to be members of a Committee to be known as the Nutrition Research Committee to inquire into the question of Nutrition in the Colony including the application of dietetics to the social problems of the Colony:—

Honourable Director of Medical Services, (Chairman).

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Dr. Paul Biddulph Wilkinson.

Dr. Agnes Lilias Jenkins Dovey.

ADMIRAL BEST RETIRES

London, To-day.

Admiral Sir Matthew Best has retired at his own request in order to facilitate the promotion of younger officers.

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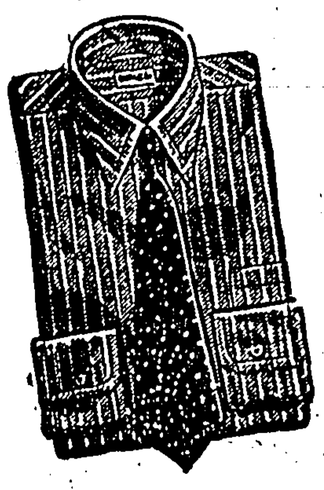

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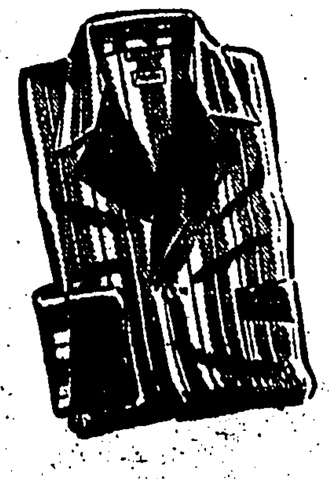

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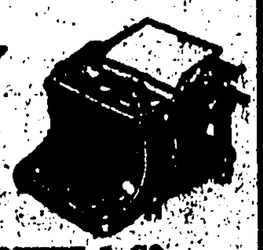

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